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## Waking the echoes in the digital age

During its history, the Donald W. Reynolds School of Journalism and Center for Advanced Media Studies has straddled the old and the new, the vanishing and the vanguard, with uncommon grace.

More than 70 years ago, journalism students at the University plied their trade on Royal type-writers. They were men and women like Frank McCulloch, the esteemed reporter and editor who graduated from the University in 1941 and went on to become one of the finest journalists of his

generation, or of any generation that followed.

McCulloch's example could include sitting a young reporter down, and with the quiet, dignified patience of a teacher, carefully diagramming all of the elements needed for a successful *TIME* magazine news story. He could also be very bold, and often went toe-to-toe with Vietnam generals, American presidents, Sen. Joseph McCarthy and Howard Hughes, just to name a few.

Our journalism graduates have long been inheritors of this proud legacy. Our school, which has produced six Pulitzer Prize winners, is known for producing well-trained, talented and



oto by Theresa Danna-Douglas

Fred W. Smith, chairman, Donald W. Reynolds Foundation; Al Stavitsky, dean and Fred W. Smith Chair, Reynolds School of Journalism; President Marc Johnson; Steve Anderson, president, Donald W. Reynolds Foundation; and Barbara Smith Campbell, trustee, Donald W. Reynolds Foundation pictured at the Reynolds School of Journalism rededication Aug. 21.

creative individuals who are grounded in ethics, good writing and critical thinking.

These talents have never been more in demand than today. We are at a key juncture in the history of journalism and mass communication, where each day the ground for information and communication shifts, and journalistic roles blur. The Reynolds School is intent on meeting this challenge, which requires graduates to enter the bloodstream of the digital age in new ways.

In August, the school was rededicated during events that invited current faculty, students and staff, as well as emeriti, friends, donors, alumni and the campus to see for themselves what two years of renovation has accomplished.

We are immensely grateful to the Donald W. Reynolds Foundation, which generously pledged \$7.9 million three years ago to renovate, rewire and rethink the building, which opened in 1992. The Reynolds gift was just the latest example of a valued partnership between the foundation and the University dating back to the 1980s. An additional \$1.6 million was tallied by the Fund for the Future of Journalism campaign by individuals like the family of esteemed Reynolds alumnus Ted Scripps '52 (journalism) who made a significant gift to name the Ted Scripps Atrium.

Reynolds School Dean Al Stavitsky has rightly called the renovation "the best of both worlds." Personal interaction, always a hallmark of the building, has been enhanced with more collaborative learning space. And, Al also has noted, "We now have the leading-edge technology our students need to innovate and to succeed in this digital age."

I couldn't agree more. Whenever I walk into the "new" building, I can't help but be struck by its sleek modernism. Yet, importantly, the building has remained an intimate, inviting and nurturing environment. Amid the technological sophistication, one can't help but hear the voices of past and present students, who continue to be the finest emblems of our school's heritage of excellence.

Welcome to our new building. With deep and humble acknowledgment to those who have come before, it's the beginning of a new era for the Reynolds School of Journalism.

Sincerely,

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This month's cover, shot by photographer Jeff Dow, highlights the dynamic innovations at the Donald W. Reynolds School of Journalism and Center for Advanced Media Studies, which recently underwent a \$7.9 million renovation to ensure that Reynolds School graduates have access to cutting-edge technology in preparation for communications



careers in the digital age. Class of 2013 students Claire Schneider, Kyle Brice and Beau Smith are pictured in the Clarence and Martha Jones Production Control Room.

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rogress is the birthright of the Donald W. Reynolds School of Journalism and Center for Advanced Media Studies.

Travis Linn, the first dean of the Reynolds School, watched with fascination as journalism matured in the digital age. Before his passing in 2003, Linn, the former southwest bureau chief for CBS News, was leading the charge to create the school's first courses in new media.

Today, the school's evolution and transformation are well underway. And Linn would have been proud.

"Travis would have loved this," said his widow, Sheila Linn, scanning the atrium of the refurbished building during a visit this summer.

For the past 18 months, the Reynolds School has undergone a dramatic \$7.9 million transformation, funded by a gift from the Donald

W. Reynolds Foundation.

University President Marc Johnson says the upgrades—including floor-by-floor refurbishments, new classroom capabilities and an ambitious expansion of multimedia production space—have positioned the Reynolds School firmly among the ranks of the most advanced schools of communication in the country.

"Through this gift, the Reynolds Foundation has allowed the creation of a dynamic teaching environment that will prepare students to succeed in journalism and communication careers in the digital era," Johnson says.

With a new building, a new curriculum and a new dean at the helm, the Reynolds School is entering a new era, one that marries the latest in technology and best professional practices with the emphasis on ethics and civic engagement that has always been the hallmark of a Reynolds School education.

#### A NEW DIRECTION

With an office filled to the brim with Nevada memorabilia, it's difficult to guess that Alan Stavitsky arrived on campus only this spring. Less than six months into his position as the new dean of the Reynolds School, it seems Stavitsky, a scholar in media policy and the digital transition in journalism, is part of the furniture.

Stavitsky is used to riding—and guiding—the waves of change that have crashed through the media industry over the past several decades. As the senior associate dean of the University of Oregon School of Journalism and Communication, Stavitsky was tapped to launch the George S. Turnbull Portland Center, the school's downtown Portland base, where he directed the school's efforts to partner with major media outlets to train students





in multi-platform journalism.

So when Stavitsky reported for work at the Reynolds School in late March, he had the school's new roadmap practically in hand.

"My experience in Oregon profoundly influenced the way I think about journalism and mass media education," Stavitsky says. "I went from a traditional campus-based journalism program at a public research university to conceiving and constructing this satellite program in the state's media center.

"The Portland program was very experien-

The Reynolds School has produced six Pulitzer Prize winners.

tially based for the students, and very much engaged with the professional community. The idea was that a journalism school should be an active agent in solving professional problems," he adds.

A major problem facing professionals in news and strategic communication is how to utilize and master all the media platforms available to them in the digital age.

Beyond legacy print and broadcast media, storytelling today also takes place across new channels: websites, streaming audio and video and handheld mobile devices. Technological advances aside, changing media business models and a depressed economy have resulted in downsized media organizations. That forces media professionals to add new duties and skillsets, including shooting video and using social media.

Modern journalism school graduates of

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-Reynolds School Dean Alan Stavitsky

any major, from any school, will be faced with the challenge of staying limber and being prepared to jump into any role. Stavitsky has made it his mission to ensure that every graduate of the Reynolds School is ready to take that leap.

"We are thinking very broadly about where our students are going, and how we can train them for an industry that is in the midst of such profound change," he says. "We're looking at how we can prepare our students for jobs that we don't yet know about, and to work on media platforms that have not yet been developed."

A new curriculum for news students, unveiled this fall, is key. In the past, journalism courses typically centered on general reporting, writing and editing, augmented by the study of media ethics and First Amendment law. Now data journalism, social journalism and multimedia reporting are all part of the arsenal.

"These days, we speak in terms of multimedia storytelling," Stavitsky says. "Everybody who comes out of the Reynolds School has to be a multimedia storyteller."

#### **UNDER ONE ROOF**

About \$4 million of the \$7.9 million Reynolds Foundation gift provided for "invisible" improvements: rewiring the entire building



The Multimedia Newsroom, Room 110, is surrounded by audio, video and radio production rooms and is a classroom, lab and nerve center for Reynolds students where they will conceive and create content for student-produced media. Features include a professional video edit room, fiber-connected work stations for use with a high-capacity Xsan server, an anchor desk for "direct-from-newsroom" programming, a ceiling-mounted camera above the anchor desk and studio camera dock, and a quad-video wall monitor.

with fiber optic cabling and adding central, electronic storage capacity, updated computers, projectors and screens. The existing audio and video control rooms were updated and the two large studios on the first floor were re-equipped.

The remainder of the gift was used toward building renovations, using every bit of space, but without compromising the character of the distinctive brick building.

Rosemary McCarthy, assistant professor of journalism, walks through the new multimedia newsroom and points to the new workstations, the adjacent editing room and the professional-level broadcast studio and control room. This, she says, is where all Reynolds School students will work sideby-side, learning to create content using any platform.

Journalism workspaces were once very

separate at Universities and in the workplace. Photographers were in the darkroom and in the photo lab. Reporters were at their desks in the newsroom. Broadcasters were in the studio and at editing bays. Public relations

Sixty Reynolds School of Journalism students received scholarships totaling more than \$103,000 at the school's annual Savitt Awards Banquet last spring.

and advertising students—who comprise more than half of the Reynolds School student body—worked in an entirely separate area of the building.

In the multi-media newsroom, the physical and conceptual walls are down. With technology constantly expanding and job descriptions ever-widening, graduates are preparing for multiple opportunities in the media professions. And this, McCarthy says, is the core of what the school's faculty set out to accomplish two years ago when the renovations began.

"With a state-of-the-art training ground that mirrors the workplace, our students will have all the tools they need to succeed after graduation," she says.

The ability—and commitment—to evolve with new technology has enabled Reynolds School graduate Annie Flanzraich '07

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(journalism) to remain both relevant and a trailblazer in her profession. Following internships at the Associated Press, the Reno Gazette-Journal and the Las Vegas Sun, she was the news editor at the North Lake Tahoe Bonanza and the managing editor of the Tahoe Daily Tribune, where she led the charge for expanding online coverage for a chain of newspapers in the region.

Now the top editor for niche and custom publications for RGJ Media in Reno, Flanzraich was graduating from the Reynolds School as social media and digital journalism were coming of age.

"When I was editor at *The Nevada Sage-brush* in 2005, we were working to re-launch the publication's website to bring it up to modern industry standards," Flanzraich says. "The problem was that each time we tried to make it current, there was a new innovation."

Since her 2007 graduation, Flanzraich has continued to watch—and learn—new methods of disseminating information to the public.

"Communication and journalism have become more instantaneous and more personal since I was a student at Nevada," Flanzraich says. "Back then, a news organization's website had to break the news—it was a very top-down sort-of system. Elites to media, media to the public. Now, anyone can break a story with Twitter, Facebook, Instagram or a variety of other apps."



# Alan Stavitsky named dean of modern Reynolds School

Dean Alan Stavitsky joins the Reynolds School as it completes an ambitious 18-month, \$7.9 million renovation that creates a state-of-the-art teaching and production facility for students.

"It's an exciting time," Stavitsky says. "With the rededicated building, we have so much momentum at a stage in which journalism education is so important to the future of our fields. I'm just thrilled to be here."

Stavitsky came to the Reynolds School from the University of Oregon School of Journalism and Communication, where he spent 21 years as a faculty member and administrator in Eugene and Portland. He most recently served as senior associate dean and founding director of the George S. Turnbull Center, the downtown Portland base of Oregon's journalism school. At Oregon, he led undergraduate curriculum review as well as the development of two successful master's degree programs offered for working professionals in Portland, in multimedia journalism and strategic communication. He previously worked in television and radio as a news director, news anchor, investigative reporter, talk-show host and country music DJ.

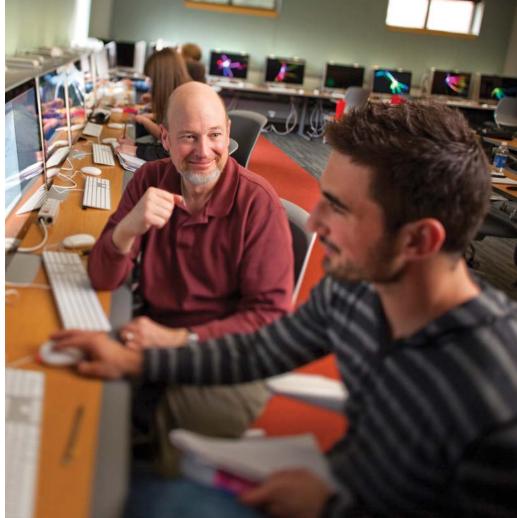
His honors include the Oregon School of Journalism and Communication's Marshall Award for Innovative Teaching, the University of Oregon's prestigious Ersted Award for Distinguished Teaching, and Adviser of the Year, awarded by Kappa Tau Alpha, the national honor society for journalism and mass communications.

Stavitsky's scholarship on media policy and the digital transition in journalism has been published in numerous academic journals. He is the author of *Independence and Integrity: A Guidebook for Public Radio Journalism,* and co-author *A History of Public Broadcasting.* He has served as a consultant to local, national and international public broadcasting organizations on issues of media ethics and programming, and has advised the Corporation for Public Broadcasting on policies to preserve editorial independence in public media. He was invited to testify before the Federal Communications Commission on ownership concentration in broadcasting.

He earned a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Wisconsin, Madison, and a master's in journalism and doctorate in communication from The Ohio State University. The New Jersey native got his start in journalism as a high school student working in the sports department of the Newark Star Ledger.

—Roseann Keegan





LEFT: The Travis B. Linn Reading Room, named in memory of the first dean of the Reynolds School of Journalism, includes a flat screen with a laptop connection for collaborative work, mobile furniture to enable multiple uses and easy grouping and room-darkening shades. The adjoining Ted Scripps Plaza features one of three video camera docks for live shots. RIGHT: Professor Larry Dailey, Reynolds Chair of Media Technology, assists a student in the Theodore Conover Graphics Lab, which provides students with creative media tools for the production of quality content in both strategic communication and news.

The curriculum at the Reynolds School is different from that of Flanzraich's graduating class. But is it necessary?

"Emphatically yes," she says. "As journalism becomes more personal and instantaneous, it's even more important for journalists to understand how to practically, professionally and ethically use the tools available. It's also important for journalists to think through which tool is most appropriate for which story.

"We have the ability to create video, photo galleries, interactive graphics and a host of other multimedia coverage options for any story—the real question is which tools do we employ and when," she adds.

Examining how information is distributed and digested will remain a top priority as the Reynolds School sharpens its focus on the second half of the school's full title: the Center for Advanced Media Studies.

With the ability on the horizon to hire new Reynolds School faculty, dean Stavitsky aims to bring academics on board who will deepen the conversation and enhance the school's scholarly research.

"We'll be discovering ways to use our new capacities for a long time. And that's a good thing."

> Rosemary McCarthy, associate professor of journalism

"Yes, we are a professional school, but we also are tasked with helping both the University and the larger community make sense of the profound changes in communication, because everyone has a stake in this," Stavitsky says. "One of the things we're determined to do is increase the research profile of the school and conduct research that has implications for both the discipline and the profession."

#### AN OPEN INVITATION

Stavitsky has extended an open invitation across the Nevada campus to other deans, faculty and students to utilize the new Reynolds School production studios.

"I want everyone at the University to consider, 'how can we use this production facility as a University of Nevada, Reno channel to serve and promote the institution?'" he says.

McCarthy, who helped lead the renovation project, said the Reynolds School faculty will continue to examine ways the school's new technology and facilities can be best used to serve communications students, as well as





LEFT: The Ted Scripps Atrium features added seating, a donor wall recognizing the school's philanthropists, an audio system serving all three floors, a filtered water station and a recycling center, and a large, high-definition video screen showcasing student and faculty work and providing live coverage of news and school events. RIGHT: Students working in the Clarence and Martha Jones Production Control Room will use school-generated content to create news, ads and public relations programming in this professional-level facility.

students campuswide.

The school also raised \$1.6 million to establish the Fund for the Future of Journalism, an endowment that will offer continued technological support for the capital improvements provided by the Reynolds Foundation. The

endowment ensures that the Reynolds School stays at the forefront of journalism education.

"We'll be discovering ways to use our new capacities for a long time," McCarthy says. "And that's a good thing." ▶

To learn more about supporting the fund and the Reynolds School of Journalism, please contact Kristin Burgarello, director of development, (775) 784-4471 or kburgarello@unr.edu.

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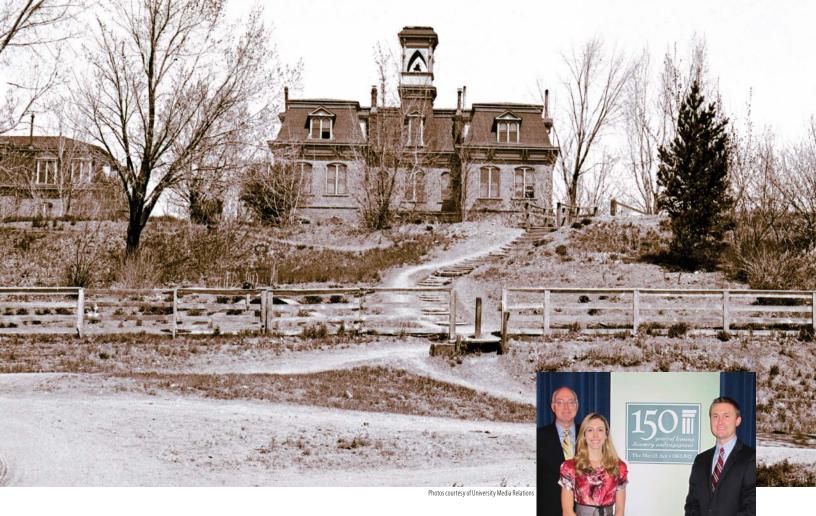
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# On 150th anniversary of Morrill Act, continuing Nevada's land–grant legacy

Even before the first shovel dug into the earth to build Nevada's first institution of higher learning, the authors of the state's constitution recognized an important opportunity.

In 1862, the Morrill Land Grant Act had been passed by Congress and signed into law by President Abraham Lincoln on July 2, 1862, creating an endowment fund for American's land-grant colleges and universities.

"It is fascinating to look back and consider that Congress and President Abe Lincoln took time during those war-weary days to establish higher education as a fundamental pillar of economic development and westward expansion in our nation," said University President Marc Johnson, whose career has included roles at several notable land-grant universities.

Two years after the signing, in 1864, when Nevada was officially admitted to the Union, the founders of the Nevada constitution liberally borrowed language from the Morrill Act to establish the enabling language for the University of Nevada. They acted for reasons of pure economic survival and viability. It was estimated that between the end of the Revolutionary War and the passage of the Morrill Act in 1862, more than 700 colleges were founded in the country but had gone defunct, mostly because these institutions lacked financial support and adequate resources.

As James Hulse, professor emeritus of history, noted in his 1974 book, *University of Nevada: A Centennial History*: "This kind of college was having trouble with its finances and its image on the eve of the Civil War. It was not training men in the practical skills essential for a developing society."

The new Nevada constitution noted that its proposed university "shall encourage, by all suitable means, the promotion of intellectual, literary, scientific, mining, mechanical, agricultural, and moral improvement ... The Legislature shall provide for the establishment of a State University, which shall embrace departments for Agriculture, Mechanic Arts, and

TOP: A circa-1920 photo of Morrill Hall from the Lake Street entrance to campus. INSET: The University of Nevada, Reno counts two descendants of U.S. Senator Justin Smith Morrill among its alumni. Meghann Morrill '08 and William Justin Morrill '11 were featured in the Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities' National Convocation in honor of the 150th anniversary of the Morrill Act in July. University President Marc Johnson also participated, along with presidents of land-grant universities from across the country. Meghan, a member of the University's women's rifle team who was named one of 10 finalists in her senior year for the NCAA Woman of the Year, completed her law degree at the University of Virginia Law School this spring. Justin now works in Texas.

Mining, to be controlled by a Board of Regents, whose duties shall be prescribed by law."

Morrill himself, in an address to the Vermont State Legislature in 1888, noted: "The fundamental idea was to offer an opportunity in every state for a liberal and larger education to larger numbers, not merely to those destined to sedentary professions, but to those much needing higher instruction for the

world's business, for the industrial pursuits and the professions of life."

It took nearly 27 years—and a path that included the establishment of a college preparatory school and forerunner of the modern University in Elko in 1874—before the institution's land-grant mission came into a clearer focus.

America's land-grant institutions gradually came to embrace a mission that included three key aspects: teaching, research and outreach. Today, the University of Nevada, Reno serves these missions with a wide-range of programs representative of the evolving interests of the state, and the institution also stays true to the roots of the Morrill Act with programs in engineering, agriculture and the military arts.

"It is remarkable to consider that what those visionary leaders created 150 years ago is even more relevant today," Johnson said.

-By John Trent '85/'87, '00M.A

# ABOUT THE MORRILL ACT AND LAND-GRANT INSTITUTIONS:

What: A land-grant university is an institution designated by the state legislature or Congress to receive the benefits of the Morrill Acts of 1862 and 1890. The original mission of the institution, as set forth in the first Morrill Act, was to teach agriculture, military tactics and the mechanic arts, as well as classical studies, so members of the working class could obtain a liberal, practical education.

Where: There is one land-grant institution in every state and territory of the United States, as well as the District of Columbia.

**Who:** Justin Smith Morrill, a representative and later senator from Vermont, sponsored the land-grant legislation that bears his name.

Today: America's land-grant universities continue to fulfill the democratic mandate for openness, accessibility and service to people, and many of these institutions have joined the ranks of the nation's most distinguished public universities. ▶

—Source: Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities



## Morrill Hall restoration provides link to the past and pride for Nevada's future

Efforts are underway to preserve historic Morrill Hall, named for the Morrill Land Grant Act of 1862. Funded through the Bertha M. Standfast Morrill Hall endowment, private gifts, the Nevada Alumni Association and the University, improvements include fresh exterior and interior paint, asbestos removal, updated restrooms, new flooring and a seismically reinforced balcony.

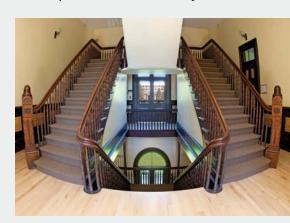
"Our goal is to preserve this building as a symbol of Nevada's past and present," says project architect Mercedes de la Garza.

Morrill Hall was the first building constructed on campus when the University was moved from Elko to Reno in 1885. Designed by Reno architect M.J. Curtis and built for \$12,700, Morrill Hall housed the entire University: offices, classrooms, living quarters, a museum, library and a gymnasium.

As the University expanded past the Quadrangle, Morrill Hall had many lives and uses. But by the mid-1900s, the building had fallen into disrepair and was deemed uninhabitable.

In 1965, the Nevada Alumni Association approached University President N. Edd Miller with the request to raise funds to restore Morrill Hall. Through the support of private donors, matching grant-in-aid from the Department of the Interior and the National Park Service, Morrill Hall was rededicated in 1979 and placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Today, Morrill Hall is home to the University's division of Development and Alumni Relations and the award-winning University of Nevada Press. A second phase



TOP: Morrill Hall as it stands today. INSET: Improvements to Morrill Hall include new hardwood flooring and re-carpeted staircases.

of restorations, contingent upon fundraising, include updates to the Prupas Family Study and the Walter Van Tilburg Clark Room.

To learn more about supporting the restoration of Morrill Hall, please contact Lynda Buhlig '84, executive director of development, (775) 682-6013 or lbuhlig@unr.edu.

-Roseann Keegan



## Fildes named University Foundation Professor

University of Nevada School of Medicine trauma surgeon John Fildes, M.D., was named a University of Nevada, Reno Foundation Professor in recognition of his outstanding research and teaching achievements.

The University Foundation Professor award was established in 1983 to recognize and salute professors for their exemplary achievements. Fildes, along with fellow 2012 recipients Gary

Anne McMillin, APR, is the public relations manager for the School of Medicine. Hayes and Scott Tyler, were honored May 16 during the University's annual Honor the Best ceremony.

"I am thrilled at this unexpected honor, which is the highest

the University gives for tenured professors," Fildes said.

Fildes joined the School of Medicine in 1996 and is professor and vice-chair of the Department of Surgery, as well as program director of general surgery and surgical critical care. He is also the medical director and chair of the Department of Trauma and Surgical Critical Care at University Medical Center, the countyoperated level one trauma center in Las Vegas.

Fildes has been active in the American College of Surgeons since 1992 and served as the National Chair of Trauma for the organization. He has made significant contributions to the creation of the National Trauma Data Bank and the Trauma Quality Improvement Project. He was appointed chair of the ACS Committee on Trauma from 2006-2010 and was only the 17th surgeon since 1923 to hold this position. He is also the medical director of trauma programs in the Division of Research and Optimal Patient Care at the ACS.

Fildes serves as chair of the Committee on Acute Care Surgery for the American Association for the Surgery of Trauma and is the founding program director of the nation's first approved Acute Care Surgery Fellowship at the University of Nevada School of Medicine trauma surgeon John Fildes, M.D., was named a University of Nevada, Reno Foundation Professor in recognition of his research and teaching achievements.

University of Nevada School of Medicine.

Fildes has received numerous awards and honors, including the White House Medical Unit Certificate of Appreciation and the Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce's Community Achievement Award, both in 1998. He was also named the 2006 Physician of the Year by the Nevada State Medical Association and earned a Center for Disease Control Certificate of Appreciation in 2009.

"Dr. Fildes is an accomplished surgeon and scientist, but above all else he is an outstanding educator and mentor," said Thomas Schwenk, dean of the School of Medicine, in his nomination letter. "His performance sets the standard for our entire clinical faculty. His teaching is the reason, in part, that the Department of Surgery has consistently received the award for teaching excellence from graduating medical students."

Fildes has brought 23 research and training grants to the School of Medicine totaling \$13 million, and he was the first clinical faculty member to receive a grant award for more than \$1 million, which was quickly followed by a \$7.5 million research award to support the development of new technologies to deliver highspeed blood transfusions to the battlefield.

Fildes completed his residency in general surgery at the Bronx-Lebanon Hospital in Bronx, N.Y., followed by a fellowship in trauma, burns and surgical critical care at the Cook County Hospital in Chicago, Ill. He began his academic career at the University of Illinois and Rush University.

With the stipend bestowed by the award, Fildes plans to engage in professional development endeavors centering on leadership.

His name, along with those of all Foundation Professors, is engraved in the granite pillars of the University's Honor Court at the south end of campus, adjacent to the University's historic Quadrangle.





## School of Medicine mourns longtime faculty member Lupan

The University of Nevada School of Medicine and the University of Nevada, Reno community lost a longtime faculty member this summer when David Lupan, senior associate dean of basic science and research, passed away June 23 following a brief illness.

At Lupan's memorial service July 1, Thomas Schwenk, dean of the medical school, said that early after his arrival in 2011, he learned to trust Lupan's wisdom and judgment on a number of complex issues.

"His background knowledge about many complex problems was astonishing," Schwenk said. "History is an important place to start in understanding the complexities of the medical school, and Dr. Lupan was an authoritative source for both the critical and the mundane aspects of such history."

Born in Ohio and raised in Arizona, Lupan attended graduate school at the University of Iowa, earning his doctorate in microbiology in 1973.

He joined the University of Nevada School of Medicine as an assistant professor immediately after graduating, and was promoted to professor in 1989, where he earned the reputation as an expert in bacteriology and mycology, and mechanisms of resistance to antimicrobials.

During his early career, he was responsible for several major courses and sequences in microbiology for medical students, and received the Outstanding Teacher of the Year award

in 1988 and 1997. During the early phase of his scientific career, he published or presented 49 posters, peer-reviewed manuscripts and abstracts, and was the recipient or co-recipient of 10 externally funded grant awards.

For the past 10 years, Lupan served as senior associate dean for basic science and research at the School of Medicine. Prior to that, he was assistant dean and interim senior associate dean for five years.

A strong supporter of expanded research opportunities for students, Lupan loved lecturing and teaching, and was a mentor to many during his nearly 40 years on the faculty. In his early years of teaching, some of his students would call him "Sarge" because of his exacting expectations in the classroom.

Luci Young, his assistant during his years as senior associate dean, said he was always willing to counsel students on their research projects and guide them in whatever aspect they needed.

"He was helpful to anyone interested in research, and respected researchers and the people who worked for them," Young said.

She added that he was particularly proud of the annual George Bierkamper Student Research Convocation, held each January.

"It is good experience for students to develop their abstracts and then present them before faculty judges," Young said.

Lupan's substantial, thoughtful and detailed contributions to the University and the School

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of Medicine's governance and leadership cannot be fully measured. He served on 12 major University committees, 21 major medical school committees, and was a member of, or chaired, 18 additional committees or task forces in his role as senior associate dean.

This service contributed to faculty and chair searches, student admissions, animal care, equipment and lab design, building design and construction, student health, biosafety, information technology, personnel and budget issues, indirect cost distribution, the Office of Sponsored Program Administration, faculty bylaws, student research awards, space allocation and research network administration.

Marsha Read, the University's vice president for research, described Lupan as a University citizen who helped facilitate interaction between the main campus and the School of Medicine.

"He had a good sense of how to maximize the strengths of people and make them shine," she said. "He was thoughtful both in the sense of being a good analytical thinker and in terms of the effects actions would have on people."

Schwenk said Lupan represented the best in academic leadership.

"He will be sorely missed by his colleagues, staff and students, but most of all by his family and friends," Schwenk said.

Lupan had planned to retire in July, and had just bought a home in Arizona where he and Joyce, his wife of 44 years, planned to spend several months each winter.

Donations may be made to a memorial fund that has been established in Lupan's name. Gifts may be sent to the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation, David Lupan/School of Medicine Fund, Mail Stop 0530, University of Nevada School of Medicine, Reno, NV 89557-0530.



# Cooperative Extension works to diversify Nevada's economy

In 2011, Louise Helton was looking for help with her business, 1 Sun Solar Companies, a

Jim Sloan is a communications specialist with University of Nevada Cooperative Extension Las Vegas electrical contracting company that specializes in rooftop solar energy installations for homes, businesses and government buildings. She knew her products would make fiscal sense for potential

clients, but she needed help securing contracts. So when she heard that University of

Nevada Cooperative Extension was offering a free, nine-month course for small business owners and entrepreneurs, she jumped at the chance to enroll.

A year later, Helton's revenues have tripled, and she's been able to forge key business relationships that previously seemed out of reach. She credits her success to Cooperative Extension and UNCE Economic Development Specialist Buddy Borden, who helped launch and teach the business-training classes.

"We learned cash-flow management, insurance and bonding, marketing, project

Louise Helton, owner of Las Vegas-based 1 Sun Solar Companies, participated in a nine-month course for small business owners and entrepreneurs offered by the University of Nevada Cooperative Extension.

estimating—that sort of nuts and bolts kind of information," Helton says. "But we were also able to meet the actual people who we wanted to do business with: county commissioners, procurement officials and the heads of departments. We had one-on-one meetings with them, and we got to know them personally. You can't put a dollar value on the opportunities that open up to you in a class like that."

Borden launched the Business Opportunity and Workforce Development program in partnership with Akers & Associates, Inc., Foundation for an Independent Tomorrow, Nevada Small Business Development Center and J-Hart Communications, collectively called the Strategic Alliance for Emerging Small Business.

Borden has launched other programs in recent years. His business retention and expansion program identifies current business needs and barriers in southern Nevada that may restrict a business's growth or encourage it to relocate. He works to help those businesses overcome obstacles so they'll stay put and give jobs to Nevadans.

"A healthy economy depends on the wellbeing of existing firms," says Borden, who facilitates the program in partnership with Clark County's economic development department. "Sixty-five to 80 percent of all new jobs are created by existing firms, yet many communities discount the needs of existing businesses because they are already functioning there. Keeping a business is often easier than recruiting a new business."

#### Strengthening the state

The Cooperative Extension is working to diversify and strengthen Nevada's economy in a number of ways. For example:

 UNCE is working with the Nevada office of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Development and the Governor's Office of

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Economic Development to help rural counties diversify and improve their economies. The Stronger Economies Together program combines the community development expertise of UNCE faculty with detailed planning data to help the eight rural Nevada counties of the Western Nevada Development District collaborate on regional economic development.

- UNCE has several programs that help prepare Nevada students for the workforce. Mini-Society teaches business skills to youth 10-to-12 years old, an age that's ideal for recognizing entrepreneurial opportunities, studies show. More than 4,000 students have completed the program. They design and develop their own society—creating a name, flag and currency—and they establish their own businesses to provide goods and services to their fellow citizens.
- UNCE's Carl Dahlen, a leadership specialist, works with a variety of UNCE faculty on community assessments. When a community requests an assessment, a team conducts a series of listening sessions with various community groups, identifies strengths and weaknesses, and prepares a report to help communities plan their futures. The teams have completed 12 assessments in the last three years.
- Lander County Extension Educator Rod
  Davis works with a team to identify industries that might benefit by locating to former
  mining sites, where there is an established
  infrastructure but the land is no longer used
  for mining. That effort is part of his Lander
  County Sustainable Economic Development Program, which seeks to modulate the
  severe fluctuations in the Battle Mountain
  economy due to the rapid expansion and
  contraction of mining activity.
- In several communities around the state, Cooperative Extension educators have been instrumental in helping local leaders establish tourism initiatives. Eagles and Agriculture brings bird watchers to Douglas County during the early spring when tourism is traditionally slow. With the help of Marlene Rebori '05Ph.D. (political science),

extension community and organizational development specialist, White Pine County is looking to promote its recreational opportunities to tourists.

# Helping a new generation of farmers and ranchers

Herds & Harvest is a new three-year Cooperative Extension program designed to help Nevada farmers and ranchers become more profitable. Some of the agricultural producers coming to Herds & Harvest seminars around the state are experienced, but many are new to business, including a small-acreage farmer near Logandale who increased his alfalfa yields by 76 percent after attending UNCE Alternative Crop Specialist Jay Davison's presentation on optimum fertilization for grass and alfalfa.

Cooperative Extension educators in rural counties are increasingly offering Nevadans help with the business end of farming and ranching. Northeast Clark County Educator Carol Bishop '06 (environmental and natural resources science), '08M.A. (resource and applied economics) helps residents develop business plans to provide goods and services needed in her remote community and coaches farmers on how to design enterprise budgets. Lincoln County Educator Holly Gatzke helps farmers develop relationships with Las Vegas restaurants eager to serve locally grown produce.

"Helping Nevada producers ensures that our state can feed itself and purchasing power stays in our state," says Cooperative Extension Central/Northeast Area Director Loretta Singletary.

## Long-term economic development

Many Cooperative Extension economic diversification efforts have been going on for years. Tom Harris and the UNCE-supported University Center for Economic Development provide economic development research to rural and urban areas interested in community development.

"We look at identifying the next potential

industry; what industry to look for," Harris says.

Many extension programs fortify budding and stable businesses in less obvious ways. Child care centers—a critical service for households with two working parents—depend on Cooperative Extension to provide their employees with free or low-cost professional development.

"Training is key," says youth development specialist Jackie Reilly '76 (child development), '84M.S. (home economics). "Studies show that improving the skills and knowledge of child care providers measurably improves the quality of care children receive. The providers themselves develop more pride and satisfaction from their work."

Cooperative Extension helps a wide range of contracting industries, from landscape installers at Lake Tahoe to radon mitigators and green industry professionals throughout the state. The training workers or contractors receive helps them build and expand their business but also allows them to provide a key environmental or public-health service.

Other UNCE programs save employers and governments money by helping seniors remain self-sufficient and keeping workers healthy. This year, for example, Cooperative Extension will launch "Eat Healthy, Be Active," an online chronic disease and risk-reduction program emphasizing nutrition, physical activity and injury prevention. It targets employees who work for small companies that can't afford high-quality health and wellness training but are nevertheless hurt by health-related absenteeism or declining worker productivity.

Louise Helton is not surprised to learn about the many programs that Extension is conducting. Even before she launched her own business, Helton turned to Cooperative Extension for help when she created nonprofit organizations addressing issues that affect Nevada's Youth, including the state's high school dropout rate and preschool education for at-risk children.

"I have always turned to Cooperative Extension to help others," Helton says. "So it's really no surprise that when I needed help for myself, Extension was also there for me." \textbf{\texts}



The renewable energy program at the University of Nevada, Reno has been named in honor of longtime NV Energy executive Jeff Ceccarelli '76 (civil engineering), who retired in July after 40 years with the company. The Jeffrey L. Ceccarelli NV Energy Renewable Energy Program continues NV Energy's support of the University's renewable energy initiatives, including the Renewable Energy Center, workforce development efforts and online course development on renewable energy topics.

"It is a surprise and an honor to have my name associated with the renewable energy program at the University," Ceccarelli said.

"This program, which was started with support from NV Energy more than five years ago, represents one of the first in the country to have an interdisciplinary focus on renewable energy."

The NV Energy Foundation has donated more than \$1.5 million to the University's renewable energy program over the past several years, and has made major gifts to the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center, renewable energy initiatives, scholarships and other programs.

"Through the support of NV Energy and Jeff Ceccarelli, we are able to offer a renewLongtime NV Energy executive and Nevada alumnus Jeff Ceccarelli '76 retired in July after 40 years with the company.

able energy minor to all students, an online graduate certificate in renewable energy, a new renewable energy track in electrical engineering, and state-of-the-art graduate education, including a renewable energy laboratory at the Redfield Campus," said Manos Maragakis, dean of the College of Engineering.

Michael Yackira, president and CEO of NV Energy, said Jeff was an early champion of renewable energy efforts in the state.

"Jeff has been instrumental in establishing a strong relationship between NV Energy and the University," Yackira said. "With the support of the University in naming this program in his honor, we are expressing our gratitude for his many years of leadership and pursuit of progress in the field of renewable energy."

Ceccarelli is a member of the College of Engineering Advisory Board, an emeritus member of the Nevada Alumni Council and the 2009 Nevada Alumni Association's Alumnus of the Year.

To learn more about supporting renewable energy initiatives at Nevada, please contact Maryanne Cameron, director of development, (775) 682-9503 or mcameron@unr.edu.

-Roseann Keegan

## Ben Maze endowment to benefit University Libraries

Dr. Ben Maze '79 (predental) credits his great aunt, Mary Woitishek, for making dental school financially possible. Maze has established a library endowment in her name to benefit the Special Collections Department and name the large art niche on the first floor of the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge

After dental school, Maze opened an endodontic practice in Las Vegas. Now semiretired, Maze has remained a strong champion of his alma mater and has made gifts in support of the Knowledge Center, including

naming seats in the Wells Fargo Auditorium in honor of several classmates.

To learn more about supporting the University Libraries, please contact Millie Mitchell, director of development, (775) 682-5682 or mimitchell@unr.edu.

-Roseann Keegan

Special Collections librarian Jacque Sundstrand assists Arielle Gorin, a visiting graduate student from Yale.







## Stacie Mathewson Foundation supports sober living center

The Stacie Mathewson Foundation has established the Stacie Mathewson Recovery and Prevention Community Fund to support the new Nevada Recovery and Prevention Community for students who are in recovery and/ or choosing to live a substance-free lifestyle while attending the University of Nevada, Reno.

The Nevada Recovery and Prevention Community, or N-RAP, is a new drop-in center on the Nevada campus in room 1001 of the

William Raggio Building. With the goal of promoting students' personal, academic and professional goals, N-RAP provides a nurturing place to hang out, attend daily recovery meetings, receive peer-to-peer emotional and academic support, and participate in substance-free extra-curricular activities and service learning opportunities.

The program is made possible through the University's Center for the Application of Substance Abuse Technologies, known as Stacie Mathewson, of the Stacie Mathewson Foundation, is pictured at the Nevada Recovery and Prevention Community with associate project coordinator Carolyn Edney, project coordinator Daniel Fred, and student workers Jordan Fugate and Matt Owens.

CASAT, whose mission is to provide training, technical assistance, evaluation, research and other services to support prevention, treatment and recovery from alcohol and drugs.

Using elements from three primary collegiate recovery models, N-RAP combines existing resources on the campus with focused attention on providing the broad-based support beneficial to recovering students and their substance-free peers. N-RAP augments other efforts by CASAT to educate students, enhance the workforce and decrease stigma about addiction and its impact on the individual, their family and friends, and the community.

To learn more about supporting the Division of Health Sciences, please contact Stefanie Scoppettone '96Ph.D., director of development, (775) 682-9143 or scops@unr.edu.

-Roseann Keegan

## Huffey honors late husband

Faculty emerita Dorothy (Howell) Huffey '61 (secondary education) has established a scholarship endowment from memorial gifts in honor of her late husband, Paul Huffey '61 (secondary education), to benefit students pursuing a degree in secondary education.

After graduating from the University of Nevada, Reno, Paul was a teacher in Las Vegas. He went on to become a real estate agent and broker. In 1983, he was appointed to the California-Nevada Super Speed Train Commission and was named chairman of the Nevada Commission on Ethics.

A fourth-generation Nevadan, Dorothy's great-great-grandfather, James W. Haines, signed Nevada's 1864 constitution and served on the University of Nevada's first Board of Regents. She was active in student government and Greek life at Nevada, and was a teacher

before the birth of her son, Neil '97 (political science), in 1974. From the 1980s, she chaired the State Personnel Commission and served on the Nevada Legislative Steering Committee for Higher Education. She received the University's President's Medal in 1993.

Dorothy was the director of Development and Alumni Relations for the University's southern office in Las Vegas from 1994 to 2005. In 1999, she chaired the inaugural balls for Gov. Kenny Guinn. She has been the society columnist for the Las Vegas Review Journal for 30 years.

To learn more about supporting the College of Education, please contact Mitch Klaich '02, director of development, (775) 784-6914 or mklaich@unr.edu.

-Roseann Keegan



The legacy of the late Paul Huffey '61 (left) is honored through a new scholarship endowment established by his wife, Dorothy Huffey '61.







#### Donald W. Reynolds School of Journalism and Center for Advanced Media Studies Rededication

About 150 friends and supporters attended the Aug. 21 rededication of the newly renovated Reynolds School of Journalism and Center for Advanced Media Studies. University President Marc Johnson and Reynolds School of Journalism Dean Alan Stavitsky recognized the contributions of the Donald W. Reynolds Foundation and other major supporters, including the Scripps family, the John Ben Snow Memorial Trust and the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation.

Over the past 19 months, the building has undergone substantial improvements that have retained the building's character while enhancing the school's multimedia, broadcast and digital technology capabilities. The new technological

infrastructure further equips the school's outstanding faculty and staff with the tools to educate the next generation of multi-platform professionals in the essentials and ethics of news and strategic communication.

The building's renovation was supported by a \$7.9 million gift from the Donald W. Reynolds Foundation and a \$1.6 million Fund for the Future of Journalism campaign, which will support the technology and building enhancements.

(1) Nevada System of Higher Education Regent Jason

















Geddes '90, '95Ph.D., addresses the audience in the Ted Scripps Atrium during the Aug. 21 rededication event.

- (2) The Hon. Bill Cobb '71, his wife, Cathy, University President Marc Johnson, Regent Jason Geddes and Regent Rick Trachok '74.
- (3) Todd Felts, Reynolds School assistant professor; Danielle Christenson, Class of 2014; Fred W. Smith, chairman, Donald W. Reynolds Foundation; and Steve Anderson, president, Donald W. Reynolds Foundation.
- (4) Ed Scripps, Christy Scripps, Will Scripps, Kathy Scripps,

Cindy Scripps and Jeff Wachs '82.

- **(5)** Reynolds School recruitment and retention coordinator Paul Mitchell '96M.A., '10Ph.D. and Jackie Leonard '71.
- (6) Dean Alan Stavitsky
- (7) Vice President of Development and Alumni Relations John Carothers, Robin Joyce '83, '04M.A., Patty Joyce, Greg Bortolin '86 and Kristen Kennedy '98, College of Business development director, and Reynolds School associate professor Howard Goldbaum.
- (8) Emelie Melton Williams, trustee, John Ben Snow

Memorial Trust, Warren Lerude '61 and Marilyn Melton '86HDG.

(9) Donica Mensing '97M.A.,
'011Ph.D., professor and director
of graduate studies and research
for the Reynolds School, and
Brent Boynton, KNPB news
director.

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(10) Will Scripps and John Carothers, vice president of Development and Alumni Relations.















## **2012 Honor Court Celebration**

The annual Honor Court celebration, held June 21, recognized campus and community leaders, including faculty, staff, students and donors, who have made indelible marks on the University.

(1) Foundation Professor Peter Goin, Nancy Pool, Rebecca Pennell, University Foundation Trustee William Pennell, Maureen Rovig and University Foundation Trustee Dan Rovig.

- (2) Provost Heather Hardy, Thomas 'Spike' Wilson II, Janice Pine '62, University Foundation Trustee Mary-Ellen McMullen '73, Nancy Pagni '61 and Jennifer Satre '80M.Ed.
- (3) Craig Karrasch of the Thelma B. and Thomas P. Hart Foundation, a Founder, Gold and Silver Benefactor; 2012 Herz Gold Medalist and guest speaker Mathew Neben '12; Vice President of Development and Alumni Relations John Carothers; and Silver Benefactor and University Foundation Trustee Ron Zideck '59. The Herz Gold Medal for Outstanding Scholarship is sponsored by the Thelma B. and Thomas P. Hart Foundation and the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation.
- **(4)** Classified Employee of the Year Jewell Radcliffe and University Foundation Trustee and Silver Benefactor Denise Cashman '83.
- (5) President Marc Johnson and Founder Rose Hoeper '06.
- (6) Marie Gillemot and George Gillemot '00H.D.G.
- (7) Janet Nachlinger '85M.S., Kendrick Taylor '87Ph.D., Stefanie Scoppettone '96Ph.D., Foundation Professor and 2012 Honor Court Speaker Scott Tyler '90Ph.D., Connie Howard, EJ Krupinsky and Amy MacDonald.















#### **Dorm Storm**

More than 2,450 students, assisted by parents, scores of volunteers and University of Nevada, Reno staff were on campus Aug. 23 for the official residence hall move-in day. It was perhaps the busiest move-in day ever at the University, with residence hall assignments up 8 percent over fall 2011.

The new students were helped to their new residences by dozens of members from the

University's Greek community, who wore Nevada blue T-shirts with the words "Leave A Legacy" emblazoned on the back.

- **(1)** The Nevada Greek Recruitment Team help students move in during the Dorm Storm.
- **(2)** Freshman Andrew Myers moves in with the help of his father, Mike Myers.
- **(3)** Wolfie Junior and the Nevada Greek Recruitment Team show their support for the new freshmen.
- (4) Sarah Tomimatsu and her family load up.

- **(5)** New freshmen make their way to the elevators with their microwaves, computers and bedding.
- (6) Freshman Brittany Ray, moves into dorms with her brother, Allan Ray, and friends Brett Watchinski and Andrew Ereimes.

For more photos of all of our Gatherings visit: www.unr.edu/ silverandblue



Photo by Mike Wolterbeek

# Research helps bring locally harvested delicacy to chefs' kitchens

Research by the University's Sudeep Chandra has shown that removal of invasive crayfish at Lake Tahoe will help improve clarity at the pristine lake and take away a food source for other invasive species that threaten water clarity and ecosystems. Chandra's work contributed to the decision by the Nevada Division of Wildlife to issue permits for commercial harvesting of crayfish and, from there, the Tahoe Lobster Company was born.

A study last summer by Chandra showed that while water clarity is measured at the center of the lake, the near-shore zone is the critical area for fish habitat and a place where invasive species, including crayfish and warmwater fish such as the invasive bass, can thrive. It is in this near-shore zone that a harvest will have the most positive impact.

Crayfish were introduced to the 22-by-

12-mile lake in the late 1800s and Chandra estimates as much as 8 million pounds of the invasive species are scattered around the lake today. He is helping the Nevada Department of Wildlife identify the best places and practices for harvest, and he worked closely with entrepreneurs who brought the harvest idea forth to public agencies.

"It's a good project all the way around," said Fred Jackson of Tahoe Lobster Company. "It's a blend of science and economics, and it took a lot of time to figure out a business plan. We've had a huge positive response from local restaurants, and some from out of the area as well."

The project was highlighted as a prime example of a public-private partnership benefiting the economy and environment at the 16<sup>th</sup> annual Lake Tahoe Summit, hosted Aug. 13 by U.S. Sen. Dean Heller. It has also received

University Professor Sudeep Chandra addressed the 16th annual Lake Tahoe Summit in August. Featured guests included U.S. Sen. Dean Heller of Nevada, U.S. Sen. Dianne Feinstein of California, Nevada Gov. Brian Sandoval '86 and California Gov. Jerry Brown.

considerable media coverage.

Chandra, a leading Lake Tahoe scientist who has studied invasive species and limnology at the lake for 20 years, is based in the College of Agriculture, Biotechnology and Natural Resources and has studied lakes and their ecosystems around the world.

He notes that crayfish harvesting occurs profitably in other areas of the country.

"It can have a positive effect on the economy and the environment," Chandra said. "And with a little butter and garlic, it's tasty too."

—Mike Wolterbeek '02



## Archeology team digs Virginia City history

This summer, the University of Nevada, Reno, in cooperation with the Nevada State Historic Preservation Office, sent a team of archaeologists to excavate the site of one of Nevada's most important early hospitals. St. Mary Louise Hospital in Virginia City opened in 1876 and served the mining community until the early 20th century.

Sarah Cowie, assistant professor of anthro-

pology in the University's College of Liberal Arts, directed the excavation. Cowie's team consisted of undergraduate students, graduate-student field supervisors and volunteers. Cowie said the excavation and subsequent study of the artifacts recovered will provide insight into the health care, gender roles, ethnicity and religion in the West.

The excavation continued a tradition

Sarah Cowie (left), assistant professor of anthropology, examines an artifact at the Virginia City excavation site. Working with her is undergraduate student Heather Tiscareno, and graduate students Elizabeth Bennett and Steven Holm, with College of Liberal Arts Dean Scott Casper looking on.

dating back to 1990 of University archaeologists working with support from the Historic Preservation Office and the Comstock Historic District Commission to examine sites in Virginia City, including Piper's Opera House, an African American saloon, Chinatown and Cornish Row.

The State Historic Preservation Office and the National Park Service provided funding for the dig. Artifacts were brought back to the University's Historical Archeology Lab, where they will be analyzed, cleaned, conserved and entered into a database. Within about a year, they will be curated at the University's Anthropology Research Museum in the Ansari Business Building, which is open to the public.

- Claudene Wharton, '86, '99M.A.

# Career contributions of professor and gaming expert recognized

Bill Eadington, economics professor and director of the Institute for the Study of Gambling and Commercial Gaming in the University's College of Business, received the Goldman Lifetime Award for Advocacy from The National Council on Problem Gambling. The Council only bestows its Lifetime Awards "in exceptional times and circumstances, to individuals who exemplify at least 20 years of service on behalf of those affected by problem gambling."

Last November, Eadington was also inducted into the Gaming Hall of Fame, the highest honor accorded by the gaming



Bill Eadington, economics professor and director of the Institute for the Study of Gambling and Commercial Gaming, was honored for his exceptional work addressing problem gambling.

industry, with previous inductees including Phil Satre, Steve Wynn, William Harrah and Bill Pennington. At that time, Frank J. Fahrenkopf, Jr., '62 (foreign affairs), president and CEO of the American Gaming Association, said, "We owe Dr. Eadington much of the credit for our current understanding of the economic and social impacts of commercial gaming."

Eadington has written extensively on issues relating to the economic and social impacts of the industry. He has authored several books, including "The Downside: Problem and Pathological Gambling" and "Gambling: Public Policies and the Social Sciences."

Eadington joined the University in 1969. In 1990, he was awarded a Foundation Professorship at the University, and since 2004, he has held the Philip G. Satre Endowed Chair in Gaming Studies.

-Claudene Wharton, '86, '99M.A.

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## Faces on the Ouad

#### **CHELSEA HEJNY** has a

penchant for social marketing and entrepreneurialism, and last year she served as project team leader in three different entrepreneurial competitions at the campus, statewide and national levels. The College of Business senior was part of the University's 2011 American Marketing

Association competition team, which

this year with a degree in marketing.

placed third nationally. Hejny graduates



#### CLARISSA MARTINS, a

senior majoring in biochemistry, received a 2012 Thomas J. Bardos Award for her research involving cancer and

nutrition. She was among 17 chosen from 16,000 applicants worldwide. In 2011. Martins earned the Nevada Idea Network of Biomedical Research Excellence Undergrad Research award. While attending Edward C. Reed High School in Sparks, she joined the University's Dean's Future Scholars program, which includes on-campus experiences and interaction with a University mentor to prepare students for college. Martins' research focus is inspired by her mother, who died from pancreatic cancer. Martins plans to graduate in 2013 and wants to pursue a career in clinical oncology research.

#### **HUILI WEINSTOCK** is

the 2012-13 president of the Associated Students of the University of Nevada. Weinstock took office in March, and this



vear marks his third term as an ASUN leadership member. He was elected student president of Argenta Hall during his first semester, joined ASUN's event production department as a volunteer and is a member of the Sigma Nu fraternity. Weinstock plans to reach out to students to increase involvement in ASUN events and processes. Weinstock is a graduate of Durango High School in

-Jane Tors '82



## Dean's Future Scholars welcomes new director, more than 400 students

After 10 years with the Dean's Future Scholars, Director Bob Edgington is passing the reins to Mariluz Garcia '03 (elementary education), '07M.A. (counseling and educational psychology). Garcia served as a graduate assistant for Dean's Future Scholars for three years during her coursework and has worked in the Washoe County School District as a school counselor for the past five years.

Dean's Future Scholars is an academic outreach program aimed at increasing the numbers of low-income, first-generation students graduating high school and gaining access to higher education. Each year, 50 sixth-grade students are selected by their Washoe County School District teachers to join this College of Education mentoring program that will follow them for the next six years and into college.

The Dean's Future Scholars Program em-

Alumna Mariluz Garcia '03, '07M.A. (right) now serves as director of the Dean's Future Scholars Program.

ploys 31 University students who mentor more than 400 local students in grades six through 12 each week during the school year. The majority of the University student mentors are program alumni themselves. One goal of this long-term mentoring process is to encourage the scholars to strengthen math skills and to take advanced placement and honors classes to prepare them for the rigor of higher education.

The program receives support from USA Funds, Phil and Jennifer Satre '80M.Ed., Nevadaworks, AT&T, Nevada System of Higher Education, GEAR-UP, Lifestyle Homes Foundation, Robert Edgington '75M.Ed., '78M.A., and Patricia Miltenberger '68, '85Ed.D., and other donors.

"With the proper support, students can overcome any challenge," Garcia said. "We want to take the next step and secure stable funding sources for the program. Educating a diverse work force and providing students the skills, ability and ambition to go to college is an investment for all."

- Jaclyn McBride, Class of 2013

## USAC celebrates 30 years, continues to expand

The University Studies Abroad Consortium, USAC, has added several new programs, including programs in Istanbul, Turkey; Haifa, Israel; and Florianópolis, Brazil. The consortium is celebrating its 30th anniversary this fall, having sent more than 30,000 students to 40 locations in 25 countries.

USAC began as a partnership between Boise State University and the University of Nevada, Reno, offering a study-abroad experience in the Basque country. In 1982, Carmelo Urza was hired to lead the first group of students abroad to San Sebastián, Spain, and he remains

director of the consortium today.

The consortium, which has been headquartered at the University for all of its 30 years, now consists of more than 30 universities throughout

#### Learn more and see the studies abroad experience through the videos of Lee Pfalmer '07 (civil engineering) at

http://usac.unr.edu/.

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the United States and works with hundreds of universities worldwide.

-Jaclyn McBride, Class of 2013

# University library first in nation to offer 3D printing campuswide

The University's DeLaMare Science and Engineering Library in the Mackay Mines Building is the first academic library in the United States to offer 3D printing and scanning as a library service to enable all students in a multitude of disciplines to make plastic 3D models from a computer drawing for their research and studies.

"We've brought the technology out of the lab and into access for all students," said Tod Colegrove, director of the DeLaMare library. "It's a first for universities around the country where the machines are typically part of a specialized program or research lab."



Using specialized software, the machine can build a three-dimensional, real-world plastic model from a computerized drawing of an object. It can be as simple as a box or as complex as a protein chain from a theoretical model.

"In the arts, sciences and engineering, breakthroughs in learning or research often require going beyond pencil and paper," he said. "With technology and a supportive environment, it becomes possible to breathe life into ideas—in the library."

The library has a waiting list for projects, which can take anywhere from 40 minutes to 40 hours, depending on the complexity.

DeLaMare Library Director Tod Colegrove shows an owl created from a computerized image in the 3D copier. It will be used in a mechanical-engineering student project.

"Our first job—a rotor for an impeller pump being prototyped by a team of senior engineering students—came in literally as we were pulling the printer out of the box. The machines haven't stopped running since," Colgrove said.

-Mike Wolterbeek '02

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Jones, Kelly Elloyan and Kate Schnoor.

Work on abandoned historic mine sites near Virginia City was part of the summer experience for students (l-r) Orgil Norov, Drew

There are an estimated 200,000 abandoned mines across Nevada, remnants of historic mining operations. Of those, an estimated 50,000 present a safety hazard.

Through a summer internship program, now in its third year, these mine sites also present a learning and employment opportunity for students from the University's Mackay School of Earth Sciences and Engineering.

Eight interns have been extending the reach

of the Nevada Abandoned Mine Lands Program, a safety program administrated through the State of Nevada Division of Minerals.

The internship program dispatches two student field crews to locations across Nevada. The interns inventory the mine's features to determine the appropriate course of action, which can include securing the entrance, sealing a mine shaft and posting warning signs.

"Each new mine site we discover is totally

different from the last," said Kelly Elloyan, a mining engineering major and program intern. "Being able to see what obstacles had to be overcome with regards to the design of the mine is quite interesting and very educational."

The program seeks to hire students following their freshmen or sophomore year to provide an early industry-related work experience.

"We see the internship as part of a continuum that starts with recruitment of students and continues through retention and graduation," said Alan Coyner '97MBA, a member of the Mackay School's Advisory Board and director of the Division of Minerals.

-Jane Tors '82



## **Argenta Concert** Series features worldclass performances

The School of the Arts at the University of Nevada, Reno kicked off its Argenta Concert Series, a world-class chamber music offering, with a performance by the Grammynominated St. Lawrence String Quartet in September. The series continues with additional performances in the Nightingale Concert Hall, featuring such internationally acclaimed guests as Philadelphia Orchestra principal violist CJ Chang, Minnesota Orchestra former concertmaster Jorja Fleezanis, as well as the University's own Argenta Trio.



Dmitri Atapine, cellist and artistic director of the Argenta Concert Series, performs with pianist Adela H. Park.

A fall highlight of the season is a performance by the School of the Arts artist-in-residence and jazz pianist Uri Caine leading the Mahler Project Nov. 30.

In words of artistic director and cellist Dmitri Atapine: "The Argenta Concert Series establishes itself as important for Nevada by offering our community and state a unique

chamber music experience, where collaborations with leading performers of today lead to our increased presence in the world of classical music."

> —Cynthia Pratt '94MBA

#### **LOOK ONLINE**

For more information or to join the Argenta Concert Series email list, visit http://www. unr.edu/cla/music/acs

### New, one-stop resource for Las Vegas entrepreneurs and small businesses

Las Vegas Mayor Carolyn Goodman led the ribbon-cutting ceremony to welcome the new Business Success Center, which offers a wide variety of business programs to support southern Nevada entrepreneurs and economic development in Las Vegas.

Part of the City of Las Vegas' business incubator program and located at the Urban Chamber of Commerce, the Business Success Center is managed by the Nevada Small **Business Development Center. Services** provided include professional business consulting, microloans, entrepreneurial training, economic and demographic analyses, regional business and economic research, environmental and energy-efficiency assistance, support in obtaining government grants and contracts, and other programs that support veterans and Nevada's changing demographics.

The Business Success Center, located at 1951 Stella Lake St., is part of the Nevada



Cutting the ribbon to open the new Business Success Center are Urban Chamber of Commerce Board Member Paula Jackson, Nevada Small Business Development Center Director Sam Males '76MBA, Las Vegas City Councilman Ricki Barlow, Las Vegas Mayor Carolyn Goodman and College of Business Dean Greg Mosier.

Small Business Development Center's network of support offices in Nevada urban and rural settings. The Nevada Small Business Development Center is hosted in Nevada by

the University of Nevada, Reno and funded in part through a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Small Business Administration.

-Claudene Wharton, '86, '99M.A.







Jennifer Ashcroft '02 and Nate Burleson.

## **Nevada to induct six former Pack stars into Hall of Fame**

Former Wolf Pack stars Jennifer Ashcroft, Nate Burleson, Tracey King, Mike Maxwell, Don Price and Angie Yoon will be inducted into the University of Nevada Athletics Hall of Fame Oct. 19 at the Hall of Fame Dinner at

Pack Track stories by Rhonda Lundin, associate athletics director for communications

the Silver Legacy. They will also be recognized at halftime during the football game against San Diego State on Oct. 20 at Mackay Stadium.

"This year's Hall of Fame class is one of the most talented and

diverse classes we have inducted," said Cary Groth, director of athletics. "These former student-athletes performed at the highest level individually and as members of Wolf Pack championship teams."

Including this year's six honorees, 165 individuals and two teams have been inducted in the Nevada Athletics Hall of Fame since its inception in 1973.

#### 2012 Nevada Hall of **Fame Inductees**

#### **Jennifer Ashcroft** – *Track & Field (1999-2002)*

Jennifer Ashcroft '02 (health education) a 2000 Olympic Trials qualifier earned first-team All-American and All-Conference honors in the pole vault in 2000 and 2002. She was a three-time conference champion in the pole vault, winning the Big West title in 2000 and WAC championships in 2001 and 2002, and helped the Wolf Pack to the Big West championship in 2000. A three-time academic all-conference selection, she earned Academic

All-American honors in 2000 and was the state of Nevada winner for the 2002 NCAA Woman of the Year award. Ashcroft also qualified for the 2000 Olympic Trials.

#### Nate Burleson - Football (1999-2002)

Nate Burleson earned All-American honors at wide receiver in 2002 from the American Football Coaches Association, Associated Press, Sporting News and CNN/SI. He also earned first-team All-WAC honors and won Nevada's Golden Helmet (MVP) award in 2002 after setting the school record with 138 receptions that year. The Wolf Pack's Offensive Player of the Year in 2000, he ranks third in career receptions with 248 and fourth in career receiving yards with 3,287. Burleson has gone on to have a standout career in the NFL with Minnesota, Seattle and Detroit and founded the Nate Burleson C.A.T.C.H. Foundation.

#### **Tracey King** – Women's Tennis (1988-92)

Tracey King '92 (psychology) is the first women's tennis student-athlete to be inducted into the Wolf Pack Athletics Hall of Fame. A four-time, first-team All-Big Sky Conference selection, she still holds Nevada's school record for career victories with 83 and school mark for single-season victories with 24 wins in 1990-91. King led the Wolf Pack to the 1992 Big Sky championship, the first such title for any women's team at Nevada, and won three conference singles titles and one doubles championship. An academic honoree, King was also the state of Nevada winner for the NCAA's Woman of the Year award in 1992.

#### Mike Maxwell – Football (1993-95)

Quarterback Mike Maxwell '97 (management) was named the 1994 Big West Confer-

ence Offensive Player of the Year. An All-Big West honoree in 1994 and 1995, he helped the Wolf Pack to conference championships in each of his last two years. He won Nevada's Golden Helmet (MVP) award in 1994 and the team's Offensive Player of the Year award in 1995, and appears in the Wolf Pack career, season and single-game lists 35 times. Maxwell tied fellow Hall of Fame inductee Chris Vargas' '95 (finance) single-game mark for touchdowns twice with seven TD strikes in games against UNLV and Louisiana-Monroe in 1995, while his 33 TD passes in 1995 rank second all time at Nevada.

#### **Don Price** – *Baseball (1997-2000)*

Don Price '00 (logistics management) earned All-American honors from Louisville Slugger in 1999. He earned first-team All-Big West Conference honors in 1999 and 2000 and played on three NCAA Regional and Big West Conference championship teams (1997, 1999, 2000). One of the greatest power hitters in school history, he ranks second in school history with 59 career home runs and fourth with 215 career runs batted in. He hit 27 homers with 89 RBI as a junior (both marks second in the Wolf Pack record book) and had a career batting average of .344.

#### **Angie Yoon** – Women's Golf (1997-2001)

Angie Yoon '03 (health ecology) was named the Big West Golfer of the Year in 1999 as a sophomore and 2000 as a junior. The winner of nine tournaments in her collegiate career, she helped lead the Wolf Pack to the first NCAA Regional appearance in program history in 2001. A four-time all-conference selection, she turned in three top-five finishes at the Big West Championships. Yoon also earned an NCAA Regional appearance as an individual in 2000 and was selected to play in the Golf Coaches Association of America U.S.-Japan Matches and the U.S.-Ireland Matches.

To purchase tickets for the Hall of Fame Dinner, call (775) 682-6902. For game tickets, call (775) 348-PACK (7225) or visit www.nevadawolfpack.com.

## Wolf Pack teams score high in latest NCAA APR report

The University of Nevada, Reno's athletics teams turned in their eighth consecutive year of penalty-free academic performance in the latest NCAA Academic Progress Rates. Two teams, men's golf and rifle, turned in perfect multi-year rates, with perfect eligibility and retention of all of the student-athletes from 2007-11. Both teams received public recognition awards for ranking in the top 10 percent in the nation as part of the 2012 NCAA Division I Academic Performance Program.

All 16 Wolf Pack teams turned in multiyear APR scores above the 925 standard. In the multi-year APR numbers, the Wolf Pack saw seven of its teams improve their scores from one year ago, including football, men's basketball, rifle, softball, cross county, swimming and diving and volleyball, while men's golf retained its perfect mark. The NCAA also released its APR information for all of the



Kortnee Wiley '12 and Justine Cooper '12.

head coaches in the nation, and 10 of the Wolf Pack's 13 head coaches had marks above the national averages, including football, men's basketball and women's basketball.

"We are pleased that our APR numbers continue to improve," said Cary Groth, director of athletics. "That is a tribute to the dedication of our student-athletes, coaches and staff, as well as all of the professors and staff on the University campus."

The APR is used by the NCAA and universities to measure current academic success by looking at the academic progress of every current student-athlete. It includes eligibility, retention and graduation as factors in the rate calculation. Teams that score below 925 may lose scholarships.

"The latest APR data caps off an outstanding academic year for the Wolf Pack," said University President Marc Johnson.

## Frediani endows scholarship

Wayne Frediani '72 (management) has made a gift to establish the Wayne A. Frediani Scholarship Endowment,

which will provide an annual scholarship to a student-athlete in the College of Business. The scholarship will be first awarded during the 2014-15 academic year.



Wayne Frediani '72

He is the executive director of the Nevada Franchised Auto Dealers Association and a founding steering committee member of the Starting 5, the financial support committee for Nevada's men's basketball. Frediani, a 36-year Wolf Pack donor and ticket holder, developed the courtesy car program for the athletics department.



## Photo by Mark Rauh

## Wolf Pack Athletics Launches Battle Born Campaign

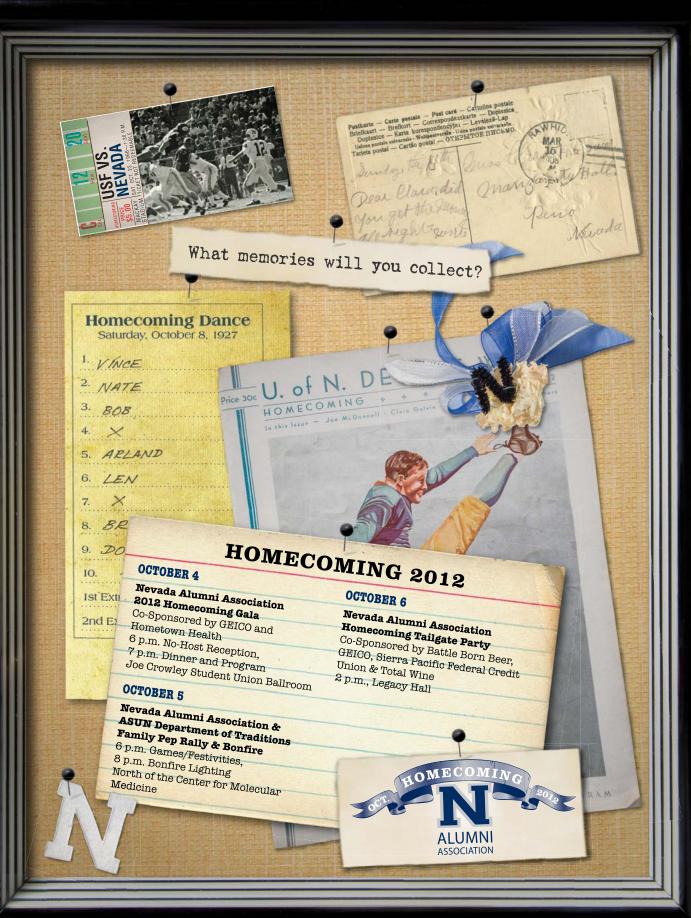
For the Wolf Pack, Battle Born is much more than a state motto; it is part of a marketing and fundraising campaign that will guide the Wolf Pack as the University of Nevada heads into its first year as a member of the Mountain West Conference.

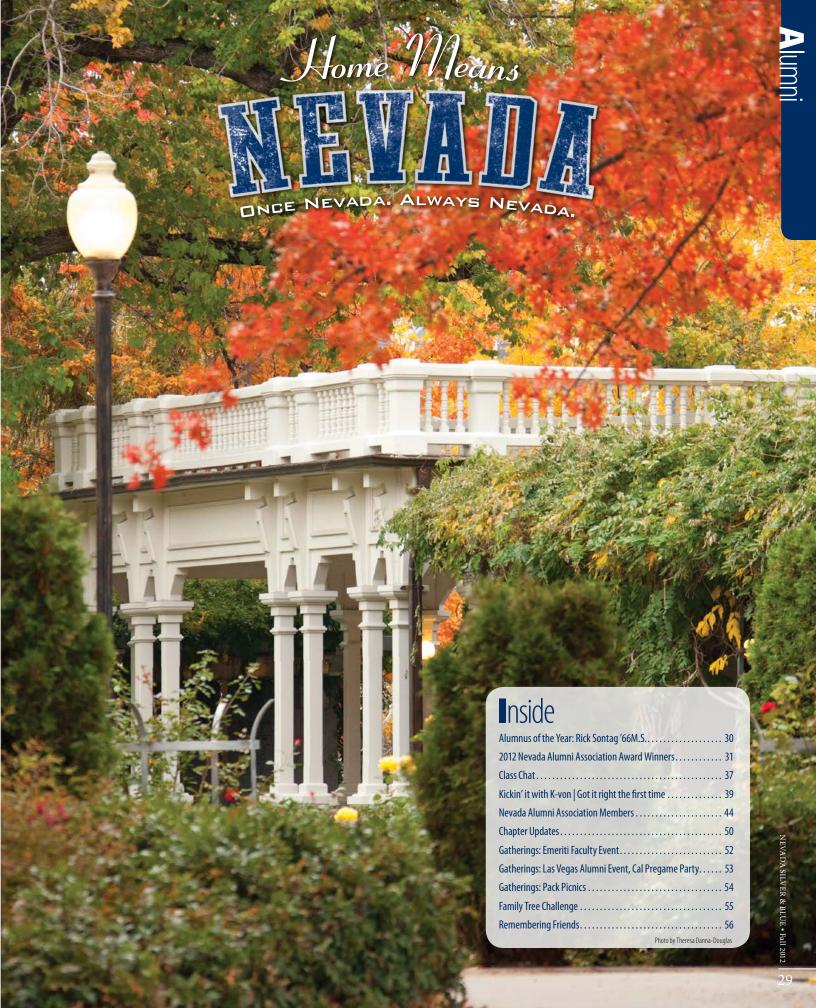
This year, Wolf Pack fans will see the commitment to the campaign in the form of the Battle Born logo on the field at Mackay Stadium and on the court at Lawlor Events Center. Nevada's official merchandiser, Silver and Blue Outfitters, will also feature Battle Born-themed apparel at Wolf Pack events and at its store at Meadowood Mall.

Another component of the campaign is a new fundraising group, the Battle Born Team, that will help Nevada raise the funds necessary to provide a bridge to sustained competitiveness during the transition to the Mountain West Conference.

More than 45 companies and individuals have joined the Battle Born Team, committing \$10,000 a year for each of the next three years. Battle Born Team members were recognized at a dinner on the 50-yard line at Mackay Stadium in August.

For more information about the Battle Born Campaign or to join the Battle Born Team, call (775) 682-6975.









## Alumnus of the Year: Rick Sontag '66M.S. (physics)

Never give up. Businessman and entrepreneur Rick Sontag lives by those words.

"My wife, Susan and I experienced tough times with our company in the early years, especially when cash was short and the economy suffered major recessions," Rick says. "During those times, I learned that in order to survive a significant downturn you need to stay the course and give your business plan a chance to work. Too many people throw in the towel too early and give up before they know if their business concept can work long term."

Rick was born and raised in Long Beach, Calif. He received a bachelor's in physics from Harvey Mudd College in Claremont, Calif., a master's in physics from the University of Nevada, Reno and an MBA from Harvard Business School.

After graduation, Rick worked in a variety of sales and marketing positions for compa-

nies in the scientific, medical and industrial fields. At age 36, he left the safety of a permanent job and, with the help of two venture capital companies, purchased a small aviation components company in Rockford, Ill.

That company, Unison Industries, grew from 65 employees to nearly 1,500 employees over the course of 20 years and became a market leader in aviation engine components. In 2002, Rick sold the company to General

Susan graduated from Pomona College with a bachelor's in government. Diagnosed in 1994 with brain cancer, she is a 17-year cancer survivor and the inspiration for the formation of the Sontag Foundation, through which the Sontags support medical research and self-help organizations.

The Sontag Entrepreneurship Competition, established through a \$1 million endowment fund established by Rick and Susan,

awards \$50,000 each spring to a student or student team that demonstrates performance potential and the innovative spirit for which Nevada is known. The inaugural competition was held this spring.

The Sontags announced this year's winning team, Mining Environmental Technology and Services, via Skype during a May 9 reception for the finalists.

"You all need to keep your dreams alive, even those who don't win today," Rick said. "I have fallen on my face many times—don't worry, just keep trying."

Rick is a trustee emeritus of Harvey Mudd College, president of the Spring Bay Companies and the president of the Sontag Foundation.

-Roseann Keegan

## **2012** Nevada Alumni Association Award Recipients \_\_

## Professional Achievement

## Edward Allison '61 (journalism)

Ed is president of Ed Allison Inc., a lobbying and public relations firm he founded in 1988. A former editor of the Nevada Appeal and a



capital correspondent for Reno newspapers, he was press secretary to former Nevada Gov. Paul Laxalt from 1967-70. Ed was marketing director for Computer Sciences Corporation, Northwest, before founding Allison & Associates, which he ran from 1973 to 1980. From 1981-85, he was chief of staff for U.S. Sen. Paul Laxalt. He served as senior adviser in three U.S. presidential campaigns: President Ronald Reagan in 1980 and 1984, and President George H. W. Bush in 1988. In 1985, President Reagan appointed him to the President's Advisory Committee for International Trade Negotiations. Reagan named him vice chairman of the board of Pennsylvania Avenue Development Corp. in 1988, and he was appointed to a second term by President Bush in 1991.

#### Ann Jobe '86M.D.

Ann is a physician/ nurse and executive director of the Clinical Skills Evaluation Collaboration in Philadelphia. Her prior roles include dean of



the Mercer University School of Medicine and professor in family medicine; interim vice chancellor for Health Sciences at East Carolina University in Greenville, N.C., and senior associate dean at the Brody School of Medicine at East Carolina University. Ann received a master's in nursing from the University of Minnesota. She worked as an operating room technician, a staff nurse at a university hospital and taught nursing at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas prior to entering the University of Nevada School of Medicine. Ann served as the first female

chair of the section on medical schools of the American Medical Association, and as an at-large member on the National Board of Medical Examiners. She was included in the National Library of Medicine's "Changing the Face of Medicine—Celebrating America's Women Physicians" exhibition.

## Brian Lent '93 (computer science)

Since graduating from the Honors Program at Nevada and receiving 1993 Herz Gold Medal, Brian has built four successful high-tech



businesses in gaming, consumer internet and mobile software. Brian's current company, Medio Systems, was founded in 2004 from his role as entrepreneur-in-residence at Mohr Davidow Ventures. He is chairman and chief technology officer of Medio, a Seattle-based mobile analytics company serving Fortune 100 customers. Prior to creating Medio, Brian was the founding CEO of Intelligent Results, a business analytics enterprise software company later acquired by First Data Corp. He also spent part of his career in information technology and data mining at Amazon during the late 1990s. Before joining Amazon, Brian served among the founding team at Junglee Corporation, the first company to launch an internet shopping search and recommendations engine, which was acquired by Amazon in 1998. While earning his doctorate at Stanford University, he cofounded Mining Data at Stanford, MIDAS, the research lab that incubated the Google crawler and search engine. A recipient of the prestigious National Science Foundation and Department of Defense Office of Naval Research Graduate fellowships, Brian has authored numerous professional publications and patents.

### Benjamin Rodriguez '82M.D.

Benjamin is a practicing plastic surgeon in Las Vegas and board certified in both plastic surgery and emergency



medicine. He is the former director of the Charlton Methodist Hospital Emergency Department, medical control officer for the CareFlite helicopter service and trauma surgeon adviser for the City of Dallas EMS system. He has held teaching positions in South Carolina, Texas, Missouri, Las Vegas and internationally. He is past president of the Rocky Mountain Association of Plastic Surgeons and current president of the Board of Medical Examiners for the State of Nevada. For more than 20 years, he has dedicated up to three months per year to teach, assist, and perform surgery in third world or war-affected countries in various parts of the globe.

#### Joan Taylor '70 (business), '88M. Ed. (elementary education), '05Ph.D. (literacy studies)



Joan was a northern Nevada educator for more than 30 years. In

addition to teaching in the Washoe County School District and for the University of Nevada, Reno, she served as president of the Northern Nevada Teachers of English, the director of the Northern Nevada Writing Project and the Nevada state network director of the National Writing Project. She wrote successful federal grants in excess of \$50 million to provide education and training for teachers throughout the state. She co-authored several books on literacy with her friend and colleague, Dr. Diane Barone. For 24 years, she coordinated "Start Fresh," an annual back-to-school conference by teachers, for teachers, where classroom teachers and university professors shared ideas and curriculum for the coming year. In addition to teaching University classes for many years, she delivered numerous workshops and presentations for local, state and national conferences on all areas of the curriculum, including math, science, social studies, language arts and parent involvement. She continues to serve on committees for the College of Education.

## **2012** Nevada Alumni Association Award Recipients

#### **University Service**

#### **The Bernard Osher Foundation**

The Bernard Osher Foundation, which supports higher education and the arts, was founded in 1977 by businessman and commu-

nity leader Bernard Osher. The foundation supports a national network of personal



enrichment educational programs for seasoned adults, the Osher Lifelong Learning Institutes (OLLI), which operate on the campuses of 116 institutions of higher education, including the University of Nevada, Reno. At Nevada, OLLI is a member-directed organization sponsored by Extended Studies which offers short-term educational experiences for adults 50 and over. Now with more than 1,100 members, OLLI provides college-level academic experiences at a modest fee for all its members, regardless of their educational backgrounds. With 33 University faculty members teaching OLLI courses, along with community leaders and OLLI members, participants can choose from a wide range of courses and topics.

#### Richard "Buzz" Kwapil (posthumously)

Described by a family friend as "a quiet, faith-filled man with a generous heart," Buzz is a recipient of the 2012 University of Nevada, Reno

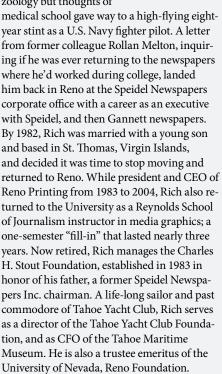


Alumni Association Service Award. He passed away in April following a 20-year battle with lymphatic cancer. Buzz, as his friends called him, was a life-long Nevada resident, but often lamented he was not a native, having arrived in the Battle Born state at 10 months old. He attended Reno schools, graduating from Reno High School in 1956. He graduated from Santa Clara University in 1960 and the University of California Hastings College of Law in 1963. For the last 30 years of his law practice at Woodburn and Wedge, he served as corporate attorney for the Catholic Diocese of Reno-Las

Vegas until his retirement in 2005. That year, Pope Benedict conferred on Buzz a special Papal Award, Pro Ecclesia etPontifice, a token of recognition for a life of exemplary service to the Catholic Church. Since 1994, Buzz served as chairman and president of the Leonette Foundation, a philanthropy providing support to innovative medical and assistance programs for needy seniors and children.

#### The Charles H. Stout Foundation Rich Stout '66 (zoology)

Rich graduated from the University of Nevada, Reno with a degree in zoology but thoughts of



#### **Outstanding Young Alumnus**

#### Elizabeth Dalton '03 (conservation biology)

Born and raised in Reno, Elizabeth "Lizzie" graduated from Galena High School and received her bachelor's in conservation biology from the University of Nevada, Reno. Since 2006, Lizzie has worked with hundreds of local families facing childhood cancer and traveled to our nation's capital five times to meet with lawmakers



to discuss cancer research legislation and the issues facing families affected by cancer. In 2006, she was hired as the executive director for the Keaton Raphael Memorial in Reno, where she served as a childhood cancer advocate, focusing on family support and fundraising for financial assistance and research funds. In 2009, the charity merged with the Angel Kiss Foundation to become the Northern Nevada Children's Cancer Foundation where she continued her mission to assist local families as the director of programs and services. In 2010, Lizzie became a mother to twins, Sierra and Bridger, and began part-time work as project manager at the cancer foundation.

#### **Deanna LeBlanc** '01 (elementary education/special education)

While tutoring girls at the Children's Home in Boulder City, Nev., Deanna realized she



would become a teacher someday. A 2001 University graduate, she taught regular and special education at Echo Loder Elmentary School and East Valley Elementary School in Fernley. Deanna was named Nevada Teacher of the Year for 2012 and met President Barack Obama at the White House, attended conferences on education policy and spent a week at Space Camp.

Deanna is now a literacy coach for the staff at East Valley Elementary School and facilitates the school's instructional consultation team. She also serves on the Nevada Department of Education's family engagement advisory council.

#### Michael McDowell '03 (journalism)

Mike, a northern Nevada native, graduated from the University with a focus on marketing and advertising. Today, he is the director of

web and digital marketing for KPS3 Marketing, a Reno-based full-service marketing agency. Mike also teaches two courses in inbound marketing for the University of Nevada Extended Studies



program. As an alumnus, he serves as chapter counselor to his fraternity, Sigma Phi Epsilon, as well as founder and president of the Nevada Greek Alumni Chapter. Mike serves on the board of Truckee Meadows Tomorrow and is a member of the Washoe Freemason Lodge and the Washoe County Chronic Disease Coalition.

#### **Alumni Association** Service

#### Linda Clift '74 (nursing)

Linda was raised in Reno and graduated with distinction from the Orvis School of Nursing with her four children in the audience. After becoming a certified pediatric nurse practitio-



ner, she worked in pediatrics at the newborn intensive care unit at Washoe Medical Center. now Renown Health. While there, she was appointed to the clinical faculty of the School of Medicine and the Orvis School of Nursing. In 1987, she was voted outstanding pediatric clinical instructor by the medical students. Linda went on to receive her master's in nursing from the University of California, San Francisco, and continued to work in Reno as a nurse practitioner in private practice and at Kids Kottage. She was selected as a Northern Nevada March of Dimes Nurse of the Year and was recently named a Nevada Women's Fund Woman of Achievement. She is a member of the Renown Health Foundation Board of Trustees. Since her retirement in 1999, Linda has been active in the Orvis School of Nursing Alumni Association, presently serving as scholarship chair. Her proudest accomplishment was working with the members to create an endowed scholarship fund, which came to fulfillment this year.

#### **Wendy Damonte** '94 (journalism), '94 (Spanish)

Growing up in Walnut Creek, Calif., Wendy was an avid swimmer. Her love of the sport eventually earned her a swim-



ming scholarship at Nevada. Under coach Mike Anderson, she swam on the championship team with a record of 31-0. Following graduation, Wendy joined the news team at KTVN Channel 2 in Reno, where she started out as the newsroom secretary. After being promoted to an assignment editor, photographer and reporter, she landed the evening anchor job in 2000. Wendy has been at Channel 2 for 18 years. In 2000, she married fellow Nevada alumnus Darrin Damonte '95 (animal science). Wendy has served the alumni association as a board member and served as president in 2003.

#### Mike Dillon, Jr. '94 (political science)

Mike served on the Nevada Alumni Council from 2006-11, including roles as vice president of community outreach, president of the Nevada



Alumni Council in 2009 and past president. Mike continues to serve the Nevada Alumni Association by using his business contacts to further the association's mission of connecting the community and alumni to the University. Mike has also been instrumental in securing advertising space for the University on light poles in downtown Reno. He has also sponsored Nevada Alumni Association events, including tables at the Homecoming Gala and alumni roller skating night.

#### Chapter of the Year

#### **Young Alumni Chapter**

The Nevada Young Alumni Chapter was established in 1994 and membership continues to grow each year. Chapter events include an annual bagna cauda dinner at the Coney Island Bar in Sparks, a graduation celebration, a mystery bus dinner and events during



homecoming. The chapter also hosts an annual Beer Fest fundraiser in April to raise scholarship funds for University students. Current board members have raised nearly \$30,000 for scholarships.

#### **College and Unit** Distinguished **Alumnus Award Recipients**

#### Agriculture, Biotechnology and Natural Resources

#### **Louis Capurro** (posthumously) '40 (economics)

Louis was born in 1918 in Reno, a secondgeneration Nevadan. His grandfather came to America in 1885



from Genoa, Italy. Louis graduated from the University of Nevada, Reno in 1940 with a degree in economics. He served five terms—10 years-in the Nevada Legislature and worked in the insurance business for more than 60 years. His business, Capurro, Voss and Associates, was the largest insurance business in northern Nevada until he sold it in 1985 to Sedgwick James. He stayed with the company until 1990. Louis was one of the original founders of Pioneer Citizens Bank and was chairman of the board of directors until it sold to Zion Bank in 1999; the bank is now known as Nevada State Bank. In addition, he was in the ranching business until he sold the property. In his later years, he stayed active

# **2012** Nevada Alumni Association Award Recipients \_\_\_\_\_\_

in small farming and gardening. The Louis J. and Genevieve G. Capurro Foundation was established in 2001. Trustees include Louis Capurro, until his death in 2011, and his three children, Allen Capurro, Randall Capurro and Corinne Guio. The Capurro Foundation established the Louis J. and Genevieve G. Capurro Family Foundation Scholarship in 2005 to provide financial assistance to students enrolled in the College of Agriculture, Biotechnology and Natural Resources.

#### **Business**

## Steve Johnson '77 (accounting)

A lifelong resident of Reno, Steve graduated from the University in 1977 and immediately began his professional career with the interna-



tional accounting firm Grant Thornton. As a certified public accountant, he was appointed to Grant Thornton's National Accounting and Auditing Advisory Council and was recognized for advancing the growth of the firm's national presence in serving the gaming industry. In 1995, he became general manager and later president and part-owner of Berry-Hinckley Industries, a petroleum product supply company owned and operated by the Hinckley and Berry families. The company sold in 2005. In 2007, he was elected to serve on the board of directors of Edgewood Companies (formerly Park Cattle Company), a diversified real estate company with land holdings in South Lake Tahoe and the Carson Valley, and has been chairman of the board since 2008. The company also owns and operates the Edgewood Tahoe Golf Course in South Lake Tahoe. Steve currently serves as a trustee on the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation Board of Trustees.

#### Education

### Jennifer Satre '80M.Ed. (education)

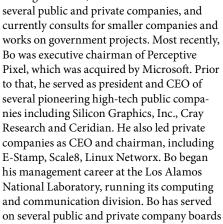
From her former career as an elementary school teacher to the many scholarships she and her husband, Phil, have funded, Jennifer has



spent much of her life working to help others reap the benefits of education. A quietly spoken woman who prefers to stay out of the limelight, she is nonetheless a recognized leader in community service in Nevada. She has served as a director and chair of many nonprofit organizations, including the University of Nevada Reno Foundation, the Nevada Women's Fund and the Community Foundation of Western Nevada. Jennifer believes that education is the most important factor in determining not only an individual's future success, but also the health and strength of our community. Jennifer and Phil have focused much of their philanthropic giving towards education and scholarships at the University of Nevada, Reno and other institutions, including Stanford University. Their gifts to Nevada have supported a variety of programs, such as the Dean's Future Scholars, fine arts, the School of Medicine and athletics. In recognition of her community involvement and significant personal and philanthropic support of the University, Jennifer was elected by a committee of her fellow alumni as the 2006 Nevada Alumni Association Alumna of the Year.

#### Engineering Bo Ewald '69 (civil engineering)

Bo grew up in northern Nevada and graduated with a degree in civil engineering from the University in 1969. During his career, he led



of directors and was appointed by the White House to the President's Information Technology Advisory Committee. Bo lives in Red Lodge, Mont.

#### **Health Sciences**

#### Susan DeBoer '91 (social work), '92M.S. (social work)

Susan DeBoer serves as the public guardian for Washoe County. She is licensed as a social worker in Nevada and



certified as a National Master Guardian. Susan has worked in the Public Guardian Office for the past 15 years, serving as a guardian case manager, case manager supervisor and public guardian. As the public guardian, she serves vulnerable individuals with disabilities, including dementia, brain injuries and developmental disabilities. In 2009, she received the National Master Guardian Star Achievement Award for exemplary work as a National Master Guardian. In 2008, she was honored with the National Guardianship Association Outstanding Affiliate Member Award for her work in advancing the guardian profession. Her past experience includes working as a medical social worker and social service director in extended care facilities and as a community trainer for persons with developmental disabilities.

#### **Liberal Arts**

#### Jim Hulse '52 (journalism), '58M.A. (history)

Jim was born in Pioche, Nev., and entered the University as a freshman in 1948. He majored in journalism, but later



shifted his interest to history after serving in the U.S. Army in France. While studying for his master's in history, he reported for the *Nevada State Journal*, Reno's morning newspaper. In 1957, Jim was encouraged by his professors to pursue further academic work at Stanford University. From 1958 to 1961, he studied Russian/Soviet and European history at Stanford, receiving his doctorate in 1962. He began teaching at Central Washington

College, where he met his wife, Betty. Jim was invited to return to his alma mater as an assistant professor of history, where he considered it a privilege to become colleagues with some of his former professors, and a friend to some of the community leaders about whom he had once reported.

#### Libraries

## Mary Sue Ferrell '71 (history)

Mary Sue worked in the University's Getchell Library as part of a summer program when she was in high school, and continued working



in the library as an undergraduate history major at the University. Influenced greatly by her experience working in the library, she earned a master's in library science from the University of Kentucky. Mary Sue's first job as a professional librarian was at Western Nevada Community College. She later became executive director of the California Library Association, a position she held until retirement. She has also been a member of the American Library Association and the Nevada Library Association. Mary Sue has continued to support the University Libraries through the years, donating to programs and exhibits that enhance the collegiate experience of those attending Nevada.

## Mackay School

## Kevin McArthur '79 (mining engineering)

Kevin is the founder of Tahoe Resources Inc., a mining company in the process of constructing a world-class silver mine in Guatemala. The com-



pany completed an initial public offering in June 2010 and trades on the New York Stock Exchange. A 1979 graduate of the Mackay School, Kevin began his career with Homestake Mining Company in Colorado. In 1983, he moved to Ely, Nev., as a senior engineer at the BP Minerals Alligator Ridge Mine. He was later the chief engineer for the Greens Creek mine in Juneau, Ala. Prior to founding Tahoe Resources, Inc., Kevin was employed

by Goldcorp Inc. and its predecessor company, Glamis Gold Inc., for more than 20 years. Goldcorp had a market capitalization of \$35 billion at the time of his retirement as president and CEO in 2008.

## Reynolds School of Journalism

## Sigmund Rogich '67 (journalism)

Sig is a lifelong Nevadan and president of the Rogich Communications Group, an international advisory firm that specializes in



the areas of business development, crisis communications, strategic planning, issues management, media relations, campaigns and government affairs. He is a former U.S. Ambassador to Iceland and served as special assistant to President George H. W. Bush in the White House. Prior to his appointments, Sig founded R&R Advertising, a prominent advertising agency in Nevada. Active in local and national politics, Sig worked on numerous elections including the presidential elections of President Ronald Reagan, President Bush and presidential hopeful Sen. John Mc-Cain. Sig has served on numerous boards and committees and has been actively involved with several charitable organizations with his primary focus being education, having served as the President of the Clark County Public Education Foundation since 1997.

#### Science

## R. James Megquier '61 (chemistry, zoology)

Jim Megquier is a Reno dentist who retired in 2001 after more than three decades in local practice. After graduating from the University,



he earned advanced degrees in dentistry from the University of the Pacific and the University of Michigan. He was a 1991 fellow for the American College of Dentists. In August, Jim and his wife, Lynn (Walsh) Megquier '61 (education) celebrated 50 years of marriage. Jim's involvement with the University includes nine years with the University of Nevada, Reno Foundation Board, and two year as chair. He serves on the College of Science Advisory Board and was inducted into the University's Honor Court in 2008.

# Outstanding Graduate School Alumnus

## Todd Butterworth '92MBA

Todd Butterworth began his career with the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services in 1992 and managed a variety of



disability programs and services. He was disability services chief from 2003 to 2012. He oversaw a variety of programs and short-term initiatives, and coordinated Nevada's statewide effort to comply with the U.S. Supreme Court's Olmstead decision, which affirmed that unjustified institutionalization of people with disabilities is discrimination and violates the Americans with Disabilities Act. He also served as an ex-officio member of the Nevada Commission on Services for People with Disabilities. Todd was instrumental in developing the state's Autism Treatment Assistance Program, which provides intensive behavioral therapy to children with autism. In June, Todd joined the Nevada Legislative Counsel Bureau as a senior research analyst. N



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Doris A. (Hanssen) Sinofsky '49 (journalism) is involved with producing a documentary about Holocaust survivors.

#### '60s

William F. Magee '67 (history) is a volunteer doula on the palliative care team at Baylor University Medical Center at Dallas. Bill visits and prays with patients and their families in the hospital's intensive care unit and patient rooms. He also acts as a patient and family advocate as needed. The palliative care team includes doctors, nurses, chaplains, therapists and social workers.

## '70s

M Jeffrey L. Ceccarelli '76 (civil engineering) has retired from NV Energy after four decades of employment. Jeff is a Sparks native and fourth-generation Nevadan. He plans to remain active in his post-NV Energy life, lecturing in engineering classes at the University of Nevada, Reno, continuing his role on the College of Engineering Advisory Board and following the Wolf Pack basketball team, of which he was a member for two years at Nevada.

#### **'80s**

Dennis G. Eckmeyer '83 (industrial mechanics) is a member of the New York Life Insurance Company's 2012 Executive Council. Members of the Executive Council are among the most successful of New York Life's elite sales force of nearly 12,000 licensed agents. Dennis has been a New York Life agent since 2004 and is associated with New York Life's general office in Reno.

Michael J. Legarza '83 (physical education) was inducted into the California Community On College Coaches Hall of Fame in May and the Reno High School Athletic Hall of Fame in June. Mike lives in San Francisco with wife, Kim M. (Savini) Legarza '84 (journalism), and their three children. He is the president of Legarza Basketball Camp and Legarza Volleyball Camp.

Ronnie J. Rivera '84 (marketing) joined WMS Industries Inc. as vice president of western division sales and national accounts. WMS is a global firm engaged in designing, manufacturing and distributing



## Traveling as a Pack

For the last seven years 11 Wolf Pack families have planned an annual summer trip together. This year's outing was at the KOA in West Yellowstone, Mont. PICTURED: Curtis McElwee '89, Matt Laird, Rick Sprouse, John and Robert Crandell, Diana Sprouse, Paula Crandell '00, '02, Donell Laird, Sam Nutter, Ashley Sprouse, Madelyn Laird, Ellen Nutter, Alex Laird, Kelsey Sprouse, Nicholas Pancake, Mikayla, Lisa and Vincent Johnson '90, '00, Todd Pancake, Mel '93 and Rochelle Nutter, Maddie Nelson, Grace Nutter, Julia McElwee, Cassidy Crandell, Jean '88 and Cassy McElwee, Tom and Randi Nelson.

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games, gaming content and gaming machines. Ronnie has 25 years in senior sales and management positions at International Game Technology. He most recently served as senior vice president of U.S. and Canadian sales for IGT, leading a senior sales team of 18 managers.

Kenneth R. Kreisler '86 (criminal justice), '90M.D. is an associate professor teaching anesthesiology residents at Kansas University. Ken has three children: Zach, 14; Josh, 11; and Abby, 9.

Marie M. McCormack '88 (biology), '92M.D. has joined Renown Health as the medical director for rural primary care practices. Marie oversees primary care providers in Fallon, Fernley and Silver Springs, Nev. She has worked with Renown as a family practitioner for six years in Fernley, and was a family practitioner for Churchill Community Hospital from 2001 to 2006. Marie worked in family practice at the department of family medicine for the Wenatchee Valley Clinic in Wenatchee, Wash., from 1995 to 2001.

Lt. Col. Sidney G. Zeller '88 (general studies) retired from the U.S. Marine Corps in 2010 after serving 27 years and in three wars. He is now the director of exercise control at the USMC Mountain Warfare Training Center near Bridgeport, Calif.

Bret W. Frey '89 (biology), '00M.D. has been named physician medical director for American Medflight, Inc.

#### '90s

Wade B. Gochnour '92 (accounting) was recently named to the 2012 Mountain States Super Lawyers list. The list is compiled from a rigorous multi-phase selection process that includes a statewide survey of lawyers, independent evaluation of candidates by the attorney-led research staff, a peer review of candidates by practice area, and a good-standing and disciplinary check. Only 5 percent of the lawyers in each of these states are named to Super Lawyers.

Christopher B. Smith '93 (history), '96M.Ed. (educational leadership) has been appointed chief of the Nevada Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security in Carson City. He is a certified emergency manager and member of the International Association of Emergency Managers. Chris also serves Gov. Brian Sandoval '86 (political science) as







Wade B. Gochnour '92

James P. Marren '98

Kellene S. Stockwell '98, '00

his homeland security adviser, overseeing planning, training and the coordinated response of Nevada Public Safety resources in the event of an incident.

Christopher Nielsen '97 (biology) is the director of the Nevada Department of Taxation. Chris holds law degrees from the University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law and the University of Washington School of Law.

James P. Marren '98 (education), a certified financial planner, has opened an independent Raymond James office in downtown Reno. Jim was previously a financial adviser with Edward Jones for 12 years, where he was a limited partner. Jim and his team at Raymond James provide clients with wealth legacy management services to ensure the quality of life for every generation. Jim and his wife, Erin K. (Dennison)

Marren '99 (English), live in Reno with

their two children, Avery and Carter.

Kellene S. Stockwell '98 (journalism), '00 (theatre) won her second regional Emmy as news producer at KTVN. Kellene recently received a certificate in feature film writing from the UCLA Extension Program and she is pursuing a social media marketing certificate from the University of Nevada, Reno Extended Studies Program.

## Kickin' it with K-von | Got it right the first time

The Olympics provided some temporary relief. Now that they're over, turn on the TV and you'll catch shows like *The Biggest Loser, Celebrity Rehab* and several others about people fighting their way back from the bad decisions they've made. Open the paper and you'll read about people involved in various scandals. The more they've messed up, the more coverage they get.

How about a shout-out to those who never made a bunch of mistakes in the first place? You know, the ones that actually got it right the first time? Maybe it isn't captivating. Perhaps it doesn't sell enough advertising. For whatever reason, the people we should look up to typically go unmentioned. I can imagine a network TV executive sitting in the office listening to various story pitches:

**Pitch:** "So, we got this kid who was told not to do drugs . . . and actually LISTENED."

**Network Executive:** (yawns) "Not going to get ratings."

**Pitch:** "All right, how about this: A student who prevented gaining the dreaded 'Freshman 15' with a diet and fitness regimen."

**Network Executive:** "Are you kidding me!? That doesn't make for a reality show star."

**Pitch:** "OK, let's do something on teens who made good decisions about dating?"

**Network Executive:** "You're killing me here. There isn't a show called 16 and Not-Even-Close-To-Pregnant. What else ya got?"

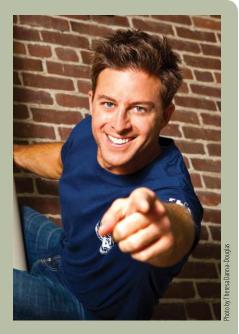
**Pitch:** "Fine, a show with a bunch of people who never had their car repossessed, never been chased by cops and never had to pawn anything."

**Network Executive:** "Get the hell out of my office!"

Someone at the top wants us to believe that those who set good examples are NOT sensational. They aren't interesting enough to get on shows like *Dr. Phil*, and they surely won't get a standing ovation after sharing their so-called bland story. They prefer to give the platform to those who have made drastic mistakes.

Maybe I'm weird, but the people who were somehow able to navigate all the obstacles and got it right the first time are the ones who fascinate me. Those are the people I want to hear from and would like to surround myself with. Take a walk around the University of Nevada, Reno campus this fall and you'll definitely find some unsung heroes. These "boring" types are reflected in the students, faculty, staff and volunteers. They're everywhere. To them I would say: "Even though you haven't completely ruined your whole life at one point, I still think you're great."

So if this applies to you, consider this little corner of *Nevada Silver & Blue* your pat on the back. Enjoy



it, because you probably won't be getting another one of these for a while. You're the one we should be turning on the TV and hearing about. Until then, back to watching the standard programs, and . . . Wow! This 490-pound lady just weighed in at a svelte 470. Someone give her a gold medal!

K-von '03 (marketing) is a proud Nevada alum and comedian. Visit KvonComedy.Wordpress.com for more articles. He'll be performing in Las Vegas in October and Reno in November. Tour dates are listed on www.Kvon.tv







## **W**olf cubs

Amber J. Joiner '00 (political science, speech communications), **Kyle J. Davis** '01 (political science), and big sister Eleanor, age 3, are happy to announce the birth of their little boy, Stewart, on March 13, 2012.

L. Erin Russell '00 (journalism, political science) and her husband, Trevor Hayes, welcomed Ellie Lynn Hayes on June 9, 2012.

Marcus A. Culpepper '07 (marketing) and his wife, Mary, are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Marshall Grant Culpepper. Marshall was born Jan. 13, 2012.

Jamie R. Kingham '93 (journalism) and his wife Rachel C. (Milon) Kingham '01 (journalism) are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Lillian Grace Kingham, on Aug. 14, 2012.

Denise R. Duarte '99 (general studies) was awarded her second Mayor's Urban Design Award in public art for "Flourish," 12 city blocks of sidewalk enhancements in Las Vegas. Denise also recently facilitated the community art project "Exist" in Baltimore, Md.

#### '00s

Kathleen (Slaboch) Kirkpatrick '00 (journalism) was recently named the manager of institutional advancement communications and alumni at Truckee Meadows Community College.

Matthew K. Kraemer '02M.M. (music) was appointed conductor of the Butler Symphony Orchestra in Butler, Penn. Matthew studied conducting in Vienna, Austria. He is the recipient of the distinguished Herbert von Karajan Conducting Fellowship and the Bruno Walter Career Development Grant. Matthew has had numerous guest conducting engagements with orchestras in Akron, Atlanta, Baltimore, Cincinnati, Hartford, Indianapolis, Jacksonville, Mississauga (Canada), Nashville, North Carolina, Spokane, St. Louis and Reno.

Dano Kraig P. Fernandez '03 (criminal justice) is a law enforcement analyst at the Law Enforcement Support Center in Williston, Va. The LESC is administered by the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the largest investigative arm of the Department of Homeland Security. Dano also teaches adjunct criminal justice and law enforcement courses online.

Brian A. Holt '03 (criminal justice) was named director of sports practice at V2 Strategic Advisors in Portsmouth, N.H. V2 is a boutique consulting firm specializing in Salesforce.com customer relations management. Brian is responsible for the sourcing of new clients across all major professional sports leagues (NFL, NBA, NHL, Major League Baseball and Major League Soccer), as well as







Lisa M. Jansen '05

Susan R. Salem '05

Shay L. Wells '07

the management of the project delivery team. He brings 10 years of previous finance, sales and management experience with Wells Fargo Bank to the firm.

Lisa M. Jansen '05 (marketing) joined John Ascuaga's Nugget as the special events manager. Lisa is responsible for production oversight and sponsorship sales for the Best in the West Nugget Rib Cook-Off, Star Spangled Sparks, Hot August Nights and Crafts for Christmas. A Reno native, Lisa comes to the Nugget from Sam Shad Productions, where she produced "Nevada NewsMakers." She has extensive event experience through her work with the

Reno Rodeo Association, Rotary Club of Reno, Leadership Reno Sparks and Reno-Tahoe Young Professionals Network.

**Susan R. Salem '05** (journalism) is in London studying abroad to finish her master's degree in sports administration and leadership from Seattle University. Susie's academic work is partly focused on the Olympics, and she was selected by the *Seattle Times* to be an Olympic contributor to the newspaper.

Jaunice Scopelliti '05 (nutrition) recently graduated from Barry University in St. Petersburg, Fla., and is a physician assistant. She graduated fourth in her class, was class president for both terms, and received recognition for excellence in academia and community service. Jaunice recently began her first job with an endocrinologist in Tampa, Fla., and is planning her spring 2013 wedding.

Amy N. (Gookin) Stratton '05 (Spanish, biochemistry) is a graduate of Touro Medical University and is serving in the United States Army as a surgeon. Amy is a second-year internal medicine resident at Tripler Army Medical Center in Hawaii. She married Ty Stratton in May 2012.



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**Susan J. Dons '07** (journalism) is the director of business development for the Muscular Dystrophy Association of San Diego and Imperial Counties. Suzy has been with the association for almost three years.

Shay L. Wells '07 (criminal justice) was named among the top 50 up-and-coming attorneys in Nevada on the 2012 Legal Elite List in the June issue of *Nevada Business* magazine. Shay works for Woodburn and Wedge, a Reno-based law firm. He practices commercial law/litigation and bankruptcy and provides extensive pro bono work in the community.

David A. Ciarlo '08 (criminal justice) is the editor in chief of the *USC Law Review* for Volume 86, and will seek clerkships with judges following graduation from the University of Southern California Gould School of Law. He spent this summer with one of the nation's premier law firms, Jones Day.

#### **10s**

#### Sophia C. Raphael Cardinal '10

(accounting) recently received her certified public accountant license from the Nevada State Board of Accountancy. Sophia is employed with Kohn Colodny LLP as an auditor and tax return preparer.



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## Chapter Updates



Honors Program Alumni Chapter volunteers design artwork during the Pack Picnic on the Quad in August.

## **Alumni Band**

Kiara (Donohue) Wolf'92, '97M.Ed., unrbandalum@hotmail.com

There's still time to participate in Alumni Band 2012. Our 16th annual reunion will be Oct. 5-6 during Homecoming. Anyone who marched at least one semester with the Wolf Pack Marching Band is eligible to join us. We will play music, have adult and family-oriented events, and generally reminisce in a fringe-free, featherfree, friend-filled setting. For more information, to join in or to sign up for the monthly newsletter, contact Kiara Wolf, unrbandalum@hotmail.com. Hope to see you there.

## Cheer, Dance, Stunt and Mascot Alumni Chapter

Pamela (Andres) Rutherford '94, rutherfordranch@me.com

Please join the Cheer, Dance, Stunt and Mascot Alumni Chapter once again this year during Homecoming Oct. 5-6. We will have a Friday evening social, Homecoming tailgate, group seats at Mackay

Stadium and make a quick appearance on the field. We'll have chapter merchandise and game tickets on sale soon.

Please follow us on our University of Nevada, Reno Cheer, Dance, Stunt and Mascot Alumni Facebook page, or contact Pamela Rutherford, rutherfordranch@me.com, for details regarding Homecoming events or our chapter. Thank you, and Go Pack!

## Fallon Alumni Chapter

Tina (Luke) Dakin '71, '84M.Ed., jtdakin@sbcglobal.net

Homecoming 2012 is Oct. 6. We are packing a bus to the football game to celebrate and cheer the Wolf Pack to a victory. It should be an exciting event. Also in the works is a Dec. 1 Nevada vs. Boise party at Pizza Barn, including raffle prizes and pizza specials. It will be a party where you don't freeze to death in the stands while you watch the game.

As always, we will plan a Wolf Pack basketball bus for a winter game. If you'd like to join us, check out our Facebook page or email fallonunralumni@yahoo.com for more information.

## Honors Program Alumni Chapter

Tamara Valentine, tvalenti@unr.edu

The year 2012 marks the golden anniversary of honors education at the University of Nevada, Reno. To celebrate this milestone, honors alumni returned to participate in the annual faculty lecture series Great Presentations, enjoy a night of international presentations from Honors Students Discover the World, and attend the honors graduation convocation. We thank them for promoting service-learning opportunities to the first-year honors class, who logged more than 1,000 hours of community service in one semester.

The Honors Alumni Chapter sponsored the musical group Home-Made Jam at the Pack Picnic on the Quad in August. And to welcome the incoming class of honors students, honors alumni joined us at one of the Reno Aces baseball games.

The Honors Program invites all honors graduates to reconnect with other graduates and participate in all upcoming honors activities and events.





## Native American Alumni Chapter

Sherry Rupert '05, srupert@nic.nv.gov

The Native American Alumni Chapter fundraises throughout the year to provide scholarships to a tribally enrolled student from Nevada. This year's scholarships were awarded to Niabi Dann from the Western Shoshone Te-Moak Tribe of Battle Mountain and Gina Featherstone from the Walker River Paiute Tribe. Each was awarded \$500 towards school fees and books.

Mark your calendars: The annual Homecoming tailgate will be Oct. 6, and the infamous Halloween Mystery Bus Trip is scheduled for Oct. 27.

If you are interested in joining the chapter or want to find out more about NAAC's events, please contact Kari Emm '01, (775) 682-5928 or kemm@unr.edu, or Sherry Rupert, (775) 687-8333 or srupert@nic.nv.gov.

## **Nevada Greek Alumni Chapter**

Mike McDowell '03, mdmcdowell@gmail.com

This summer, the Nevada Greek Alumni Chapter heated things up with our renowned Reno Aces Poker Walk, and chilled out with our Summer Social.

This fall will be jam-packed with events that support the Pack. Look for the Nevada Greek Alumni Chapter during Homecoming and our matchup against UNLV. We'll also be awarding Greek undergraduates with scholarship support. To stay up-to-date or get involved with the chapter, follow us on Facebook. Support Greek life by joining (only \$20 for a full year) or by donating to the chapter. Go Greek ... again!

## Nevada Sagebrush Alumni Chapter

Amy Beck '09, amyjeanbeck@gmail.com

The Nevada Sagebrush Alumni Chapter officially formed in

TOP: Members and friends of the Nevada Greek Alumni Chapter enjoy the Reno Aces Poker Walk June 30 at the Freight House. BOTTOM: Members of the Nevada Sagebrush Alumni Chapter get together for a photo at the Reno Gazette-Journal. From right: Brian Duggan '08, Steve Falcone '77, Amy Beck' '09, Guy Clifton, Annie Flanzraich '07, Michael Higdon '09, Scott Oxarart '08, Dan Hinxman '00 and David Calvert.

June. Anyone who was published in the student newspaper or is a friend of the publication is welcome to join. Membership is only \$25 a year and you can sign up on the alumni.unr.edu website.

We will host a fundraising dinner Oct. 3 at Louis' Basque Corner to send current Sagebrushers to the ACP Conference in Chicago. On the Sagebrush's birthday, Oct. 19, we will host a mixer for current and former staff members at Pub N' Sub. The next day, Oct. 20, we will tailgate in the north parking lot at the Nevada vs. San Diego State football game.

For more information about our chapter and events, find us at Facebook.com/NevadaSagebrushAlumniChapter.

### Orvis School of Nursing Alumni Association

Jan (Pritchard) Brady '63, '88MBA, lvcrsswrds@aol.com

Big news! Thanks to a generous gift, the Orvis School of Nursing Alumni Association Endowed Scholarship Fund is fully endowed. We are so grateful to the Orvis alumni and friends who contributed to make this endowment a reality. Although we now have the funds necessary for an endowment, we still need to grow the endowment so that annual scholarships are adequate to help Orvis students achieve their goals and begin their careers. If you have not made a contribution yet, please consider doing so. It would be wonderful to have 100 percent support from our alumni base.

Thank you to all who attended the annual OSNAA fall event Sept. 19, which included a wine tasting, appetizers, a simulation lab demonstration and the opportunity to catch up with former Orvis classmates.

# University of Nevada School of Medicine Alumni Chapter

Joseph Hollen '74, '76AAMD, joe@hollenfinancialplanning.com

The School of Medicine Alumni Chapter welcomed the class of 2016 during orientation week, Aug. 6-10. UNSOM Alumni Chapter president Tracey Delaplain '83, '87M.D. spoke to the 68 incoming students about the support the alumni chapter offers current students, including a new grant program that provides funding for those student projects that enhance student learning and reflect the ideals and mission of UNSOM and the alumni chapter. Grant winners will be announced in early 2013.













## **Emeriti Faculty Event**

University President Marc Johnson and the Nevada Alumni Association welcomed University of Nevada, Reno emeriti faculty back to campus Aug. 14 for an annual reception in their honor. More than 70 attended the event and enjoyed a summer evening on campus while catching up. Speakers included President Johnson and Alumni Council President-elect Rita Laden '96Ed.D.

(1) David Seibert (faculty emeritus), Larry Walters

(faculty emeritus), C.J. Walters '83, '91MM (music) and Becky Seibert.

- **(2)** David Westfall (faculty emeritus and former dean of the College of Science and vice president for Development and Alumni Relations, John Carothers.
- (3) Larry and Terri Garside with Beth Price.
- (4) Jane Nichols (faculty emeritus, former Nevada System of Higher Education Chancellor) and University of Nevada, Reno President Marc Johnson.
- (5) David Thawley (faculty emeritus and former dean of

the College of Agriculture, Biotechnology and Natural Resources), CABNR Dean Ron Pardini, Charles Rose (faculty emeritus) and University of Nevada, Reno Foundation trustee Gene McClelland '71, '78.

(6) Mary Ann Kidder and Richard Siegel.

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## **Vegas Alumni Event**

On July 20, more than 120 Nevada Alumni living in southern Nevada came out to Cashman Field to watch the Reno Aces take on the Las Vegas 51s. Special thanks to Las Vegas 51s general manager and Nevada alumnus, Chuck Johnson '92, for taking care of the Wolf Pack. We look forward to repeating the event next year.

- (1) Las Vegas young alumni enjoy the game.
- (2) Illyana Arias (3), daughter of Jennifer (Schmidt) Arias '01.

(3) Brandan Twasta '07, Andrea (Strasser) Twasta '07, Melanie Shafer '06, Zol Harvey '10, Jason Celia, Jake Butera '11, Brad Pickering '11 and Steve Pickering '09.

## **Cal Pregame Party**

Wolf Pack football season kicked off on the road Sept. 1 against the Cal Golden Bears. Prior to the game, nearly 450 alumni and friends attended the Nevada Alumni Association's pregame party on the picturesque University of California, Berkeley campus. Fans then traveled en masse to newly-renovated Memorial Stadium to cheer the Pack to victory, 31-24.

- **(4)** Tom and Leah Summy, Steve and Jessica Donaldson and Janelle Oehlerich '96 and Mike Mallov.
- **(5)** Tiffany Ferguson '94, Regent Kevin Melcher '79, '81M.S., President Marc Johnson, Karen Penner-Johnson and Ann (Cameron) Melcher '80.
- (6) Bob and Linda (Smith) '74, Leo and Diane Seevers, George an Debbie (Seevers) Fuetsch '84, Jeanne (Sparks) Pomi '82, Greg Scolari '81, Anne and Bruce Pendleton '64 and Michael Pomi '80, '93M.S.













## **Pack Picnics**

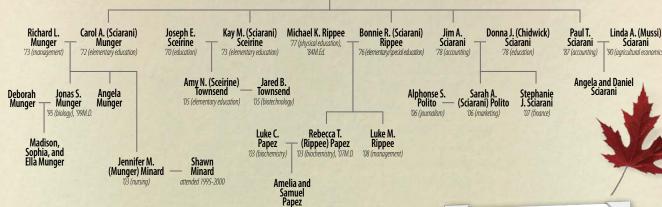
More than 3,000 alumni, friends and family attended a six-concert series held Wednesday evenings on the Quad throughout July and August. The annual event, co-sponsored by the Nevada Alumni Association and the University's Summer Session, features live music, face painting, bounce houses, games, lemonade and snacks. The concert series has grown into a University of Nevada, Reno tradition.

- (1) FRONT: Ellen Nutter (11), Ali Stanko (11). MIDDLE: Abby Guinn (11), Mel Nutter '91, Steve Guinn '86. BACK: Kate Allen (7), Rochelle Nutter, Jennifer Guinn and Angie (Berg) Allen '95, 98.
- (2) Luke (9), Margo '02 and Cole Sistek (4).
- (3) FRONT: Carla Beier '92, Eugene Essa '88, '10, Kristie (Britt) Essa 94, '10, Jordan Essa and Olivia Meador-Hood. BACK: Susan Hood '95, '96, Michelle Meador '88, '11 and Sarah (Elmer) Britt '70.
- (4) Stephanie and Aron Swan '02, '10 , and Mark '01 and Cheryl Young.
- (5) Jelly Bread performs July 25, co-sponsored by the Nevada Football Alumni Association.
- **(6)** Joan (Acay) Vasquez '07, Sandra (Fernandez) Cabrera '06, June Acay and Alex Vasquez (2).

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## **Eugo & Angelina Sciariani Family Tree**









## True to form. True to Nevada.

The Sciarianis are Nevada loyalists. From Eugo and Angelina Sciariani's ranch in Yerington, they raised their family to have a steadfast love for Nevada. All of their kids and their significant others attended the University of Nevada, each settling into different parts of the state after graduation. That dedication to the Silver & Blue was passed on to the next generation, who joined in the college tradition. Today, even Eugo and Angelina's great grandchildren are faithful to Nevada as part of the pre-paid tuition program, ensuring that the Sciarianis' "true blue" nature continues well into the future.

How many University of Nevada, Reno alumni make up your family tree? Let us know, and you could all be featured in an upcoming issue of *Nevada Silver & Blue*. For details, visit alumni.unr.edu or call 888.NV ALUMS.



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## Remembering Friends





















Earl D. Casazza

Max J. Awisus

Rubel D. (Hansen) David '25

Gwen J. (Byrd) Baxter '50

Gail J. (Wooster) Warren '58

Richard B. Jones '70

John J.Duff '72

Patricia A. Larsen '75

Dixie L. Bradshaw '86M.Fd.

Owen L. Stedham '07

## Friends

#### Earl D. Casazza

June 23, 2012—Sparks, Nev.

#### Chester R. Cassinelli

June 23, 2012—Reno, Nev.

#### Ralph L. Denton

July 6, 2012—Boulder City, Nev.

#### **Roy Powers**

June 5, 2012—Reno, Nev.

#### **Betty Jo Stumpf**

July 1, 2012—Reno, Nev.

## Faculty and Staff

Max J. Awisus, groundskeeper

April 2, 2012—Reno, Nev.

**Meg L. Crowley**, donor benefits coordinator, Athletics; current student

Aug. 8, 2012—Sparks, Nev.

**David M. Lupan**, senior associate dean of basic science and research, School of Medicine *June 24, 2012—Reno, Nev.* 

**Kalo E. Neidert**, faculty emeritus of accounting *June 12, 2012—Reno, Nev.* 

## Alumni

**Rubel D. (Hansen) David '25** (first grade diploma) *April 19, 2012—Oakland, Calif.* 

**Frances C. (Millar) Burns**, attended 1927–31 *June 4, 2012—Yerington, Nev.* 

**Nancy J. (Long) Houghton '40** (home economics) *Aug. 15, 2012—Minden, Nev.* 

**Wilma G. (Foote) Porteous '40** (home economics) *July 12, 2012—Napa, Calif.* 

Betty (Nash) Carlson '43 (psychology)

June 24, 2012—Portland, Ore.

Frances J. (Baumann) Waterman '44 (home economics)

July 14, 2012—Carson City, Nev.

Bonnie A. (Yater) Jenkins '46 (history)

May 30, 2012—Reno, Nev.

Sister M. J. Benjamin Boyle '49 (education)

May 30, 2012—San Rafael, Calif.

Gwen J. (Byrd) Baxter'50 (physical education)

June 5, 2012—Reno, Nev.

Joseph B. Berry '51 (economics)

Jan. 6, 2012—Newport, Wash.

Thomas W. Ballow '55 (agricultural education)

June 12, 2012—Reno, Nev.

Reginald H. DePaoli '55 (arts and science)

June 26, 2012—Reno, Nev.

Albert J. King '58 (electrical engineering), '62M.A.

(mathematics)

June 8, 2012—Reno, Nev.

N. Walter Ryals '58 (journalism)

April 27, 2012—Marshfield, Mo.

**Gail J. (Wooster) Warren '58** (elementary education)

July 5, 2012—Sun Valley, Nev.

Raymond L. Ceccarelli '60 (education), '74M.Ed.

(education)

July 4, 2012—Reno, Nev.

John M. Echave, attended 1960-64

June 30, 2012—Jordan Valley, Ore.

**Caroline S. Walters '65** (elementary education) *July 9, 2012—Reno, Nev.* 

**William L. Dunning '66** (renewable natural resources) *May 27, 2012—Carson City, Nev.* 

**Richard B. Jones '70** (renewable natural resources), **'72M.S.** (geology)

July 15, 2012—Carson City, Nev.

Tom B. Farrer '71 (marketing), '82M.P.A. (public

administration)

May 29, 2012—Carson City, Nev.

Paul E. Ripley '71 (school administration)

July 7, 2012—Reno, Nev.

Raymond L. Aleck '72 (civil engineering)

June 1, 2012—Reno, Nev.

**John J. Duff '72** (sociology) *Dec. 18, 2011—San Francisco, Calif.* 

David C. Heckethorn '72 (marketing)

July 16, 2012—Las Vegas, Nev.

Michael R. Reynolds '72 (engineering design

technology), **'73** (education), **'75** (business administration) *July 4, 2012—New Castle, Pa.* 

Elmer Brewster, Jr. '73 (social services corrections)

June 17, 2012—Germantown, Md.

Michael J. Garcia '75 (English)

June 21, 2012—Reno, Nev.

Patricia A. Larsen '75 (journalism)

July 14, 2012—Reno, Nev.

William K. Lott '75 (economics)

July 29, 2012—Sparks, Nev.

**Jesus Eizaguirre '80** (chemical engineering)

June 12, 2012—Albuquerque, N.M.

David R. Blevins '86 (special education)

May 28, 2012—Carson City, Nev.

Dixie L. Bradshaw '86M.Ed. (education

administration/higher education certification)

June 20, 2012—Reno, Nev.

Scott Benning, attended 1990–94

June 27, 2012—San Jose, Calif.

Mahmood Azad '91M.S. (civil engineering)

July 17, 2012—Washoe Valley, Nev.

Karin J. Long '93 (marketing)

May 17, 2012——Elko, Nev.

Owen L. Stedham '07 (mechanical engineering),

current student

June 5, 2012—Reno, Nev.

Natalie A. Ratnavira,

attended 2008–10

June 23, 2012—Fallbrook, Calif.

Todd D. Daines, current

student

July 23, 2012—King City, Calif.

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## Fostering Nevada's Future











# Dorothy Lemelson creates STEM master's cohort for local teachers

Experienced elementary and middle school teachers will have the opportunity to earn master's degrees in education with an emphasis in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics), thanks to the generosity of loyal University friend Dorothy Lemelson.

The Lemelson Elementary STEM master's cohort program allows 28 Washoe County School District teachers to complete their master's degrees at the University's College of Education. This gift covers the full cost of tuition for the duration of the two-year program, which began this summer with graduation in spring 2014. In addition to the Lemelson STEM cohort, the program will include a six-credit STEM Principals' Academy for 15 Washoe County principals, with priority given to those who work at cohort members' schools.

Although this is the first cohort focused on STEM, it is the 11th cohort that Lemelson has supported at the College of Education. Through the Lemelson Education and Assistance Program, LEAP, 195 Washoe County teachers have earned their advanced degrees in education at the University since 2000. To date, 166 of those teachers specialized in literacy education and 29 in math and science.

Lemelson's strong legacy of support for science education and entrepreneurship in northern Nevada includes the Lemelson Young Inventors Challenge, the signature event of the annual Western Nevada Regional Science & Engineering Fair at Lawlor Events Center.

"If students lack a strong foundation in science, technology, engineering and mathematics, they are less likely to pursue the courses neces-

TOP LEFT: Bernice Mathews Elementary: John Stern '09, Lauren Robinson '09, Alicia Klaich '03. TOP MIDDLE: Sierra Vista: Tammie Cagney '07, '12M.A. TOP RIGHT: Glenn Duncan STEM Academy: Ana Sanchez '11, Amanda Maydeck '09. BOTTOM LEFT: Mariposa Academy: Margo Johnson '97, '12M.A., Rachel Harding '12M.A. BOTTOM RIGHT: Kate Smith: Megan Conley '10, Kelly Carr, Channon Toles '02, '10M.S., Mary Czerwinsky '05, Shelace Shoemaker '03.

sary in high school to prepare them for these subjects in college," says Christine Cheney, dean of the College of Education. "Through Dorothy Lemelson's generosity, we are able to build a strong network of teachers across the school district who are enthusiastic, skilled and committed to ensuring STEM content is effectively taught to elementary students."

-Roseann Keegan

To learn more about supporting the College of Education, please contact Mitch Klaich '02, director of development, (775) 784-6914 or mklaich@unr.edu.

